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Garden Tours and Flower Art

By Marilou Newell

June 23 and 24 found folks from around the southeast region flocking to Marion and/or Mattapoisett to tour private gardens that were all putting their best roots forward. On Friday, it was Marion's Secret Gardens, and on Saturday, it was Mattapoisett's June in Bloom garden tours.

The Marion Garden Group, established in the 1950s, sought to give local women a place to learn about gardening and gain confidence in building floral landscapes, some of which can still be seen in the village area.

Several years ago, Elizabeth Hatch, with the aid of several MGG members, saw an opportunity to beautify forgotten spaces whose high-profile locations made their neglect all the more painful to view. The group purchased barrels and plants and gathered a volunteer army to care for plantings at several Route 6 points including Spring Street, Mill Street, the turnaround just before Old Rochester Regional High School, Converse Road and, not to be forgotten, the grand welcome sign at Front Street. The group donated the sign to the town.

Ever present in any blue sky over flower beds was the gray-cloud issue of how to water the newly-planted flowers and bushes. It's taken several long years of negotiations with the town and with the Massachusetts Department of Transportation to get water service to the locations. Hatch reported that just a few days prior to the garden tour, the group received word that the state and local governments had reached an agreement that will allow water service to those areas planted by the MGG.

The Secret Gardens consisted of eight resplendent private properties, the Elizabeth Taber Library and the Town House.

The library and Town House feature velvety green lawns punctuated by flowering beds and year-round evergreen plantings. In the spring, there were daffodils and now in this season so eagerly anticipated by humans and plants alike, one finds hydrangea and lavender gently bobbing in the warm air. In the winter, a selection of evergreens gives the sprawling lawned space a traditional holiday look.

Marion's featured gardens were all showstoppers, many of which are professionally designed in partnership with the owners. Main Street offered About Face roses, allium, a weeping Japanese larch and the much-loved geraniums and coneflowers.

Two homes on Mooring Road gave the day trippers roses, peony, foxglove, penstemon and cypress trees, while on Cottage Street, Pleasant Street and Rose Cottage, there were Rose of Sharon, red maples, Solomon's seal and dogwoods. (Side bar: Haven't the dogwoods been splendid this year, despite last summer's drought?)

Many of the Marion gardens also featured works of sculptural art thoughtfully placed for the best visual impact.

On the Cover: *Garrett Yeaw of Marion finds his noggin inside the gaping mouth of the T-Rex "Brian," who was on hand as part of the Elizabeth Taber Library's presentation during a June 24 block party outside the Music Hall. The event drew more than 70 children and included more dinosaurs and a view from inside a life-sized right whale that was located inside the historic hall. Photo by Marilou Newell*

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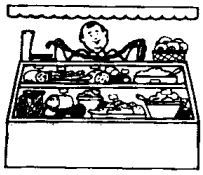

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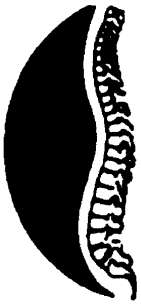

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The event raised money that will help to continue the MGG's goal of beautifying public spaces throughout Marion.

The following day, the Mattapoisett Woman's Club held its June in Bloom fundraiser. This event raises money for the club's scholarship fund. Speaking with club president Sandy Hering the day before, we learned that due to the 2022 summer drought hydrangeas might not bloom to their full New England glory and that although surface-water tables are okay now, deeper underground flows are still below average. Something to remember as we advance into hotter days and watering decorative landscapes are regulated.

However, the rainy weather on Saturday didn't stop the intrepid garden seekers, and their efforts were rewarded by all manner of flowering vegetables to flowering bushes. These gardens were primarily designed and cared for by the property owners.

Like Marion, which featured a number of water-view backdrops, so, too, did Mattapoisett.

Water Street, Oakland Street, Pearl Street, Mattapoisett Neck Road and Acushnet Road were the location of the six private gardens opened for the event. Water Street, with its historic homes and water views, added to the precious flowering beds lining fence lines and circling dwellings.

We were excited to see vegetables in several gardens, vegetables as food and vegetables as art, as in the flowering asparagus standing over 5 feet tall, delicate as Irish lace. Shade gardens with Hosta leaves the size of baby elephant ears and boxwoods like thick, dense building blocks of green were all part of the show.

But if two garden tours weren't enough to satisfy your need for all things jardin, there was the Marion Art Center's annual pairing of flowers and art – Art in Bloom exhibit.

This year's floral artisans were inspired by the paintings now in the galleries by Anne Carrozza Remick and Stephen Remick, as they built living, still lives. Artists included Joan Gardner, Pam Norweb, Suzie Kokkins, Karilon Grainger, Connie Dolan, Mimi and Martha Plumb, Veronique Bale, Janne Hellgren, Brie Zawistowski, Susan Maguire and Cindy Latham.

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Fulfilling a Lifelong Ambition

Thoughts on...

By Dick Morgado

In a column some time back, I asked if we still have a fence viewer. Well, we do. Recently, the Select Board filled this important governmental position. You may not be familiar with a fence viewer, whose job it is to inspect new fences and settle disputes between landowners.

Fence viewing is an old New England duty that goes back to the 1600s. Farmers separated their property with stone walls ... hence the many walls you see in the area are called stone fences. As the walls fell, deteriorated or were removed, the fencer viewer would determine whose cows were grazing in another farmer's field ... a

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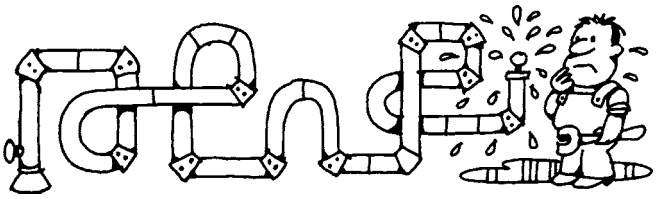

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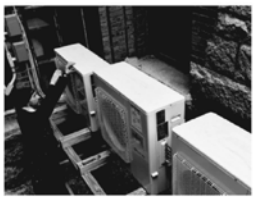

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The candidate, whom I will call "John," and I shared the distinction of being losers in our respective political campaigns that year. Being a diligent reporter with a confidential source, I acquired copies of the letter and John's response. Never one to throw anything away, I still have those letters.

The Select Board's letter offered John the opportunity to fulfill his "lifelong ambition." "The position of fence viewer is yours should you decide to accept it." The letter went on ..."The chief responsibility of the position is to be continuously ready to respond to a call for your services. Since no one can recall the last time a fence viewer was needed, the position likely will not involve any actual fence viewing but rather constant preparedness to view."

Knowing John all too well, the Select Board felt it necessary to add this: "The Board expects you to be ready to view fences, not to sit, straddle or otherwise conjugate any other verb form associated with 'to fence.'" John, being experienced in the ways of political protocol, responded in due time with an appropriate letter of his own.

He wrote, "I think there are not suitable words to describe the euphoria I experienced when I learned that it has become possible for me to be restored a titled position among the ruling class."

Ever cautious, John wanted certain clarifications before accepting the position. Since he was expected to be always on call "like the police and fire chiefs and the dog officer," he wondered, "... will a take-home vehicle be supplied appropriate to my stand-by status?" He humbly suggested that a beeper would suffice ... "even a broken one."

He agreed that he would not "fence with clients,

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verbally or physically," even though "the best *defence* is often a strong *offence* when dealing a disputed fence." Regarding the requirement that a good fence viewer must be able to "notice neglect," he noted that the "condition of the west chimney and the front porch of my house provide abundant evidence that I am conversant with neglect."

In the official letter, they outlined the fence viewer's authority to hold hearings and indicated that it would be necessary for John to use "his good ear" unless the discussion "doesn't demand the effort of listening, in which case the turning of a deaf ear is allowed." To which John, risking revealing his excitement at wielding such power, asked for reassurance that he could "have people appear before me, instruct them to make their cases while I pointedly pay no attention to anything they say, and then force them to sit there while I make long, irrelevant speeches." Thus, having confirmed what everyone else in town knew.

Anyway, John finally accepted the position of fence viewer. And I was told by a reliable source high up town government that the Select Board was relieved that they would not have to search out another qualified candidate.

As for me, I made it unequivocally clear that if the position ever became vacant again, they could count me out. I was happy just being a viewer. The fences could take care of themselves.

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New Regs Meant to Save Stripers

By George B. Emmons

The Striped Bass has always been a prized game fish since colonial times.

After the Pilgrims struggled during the first winter in Plymouth, they were saved from starvation by the spring spawning run of the Herring alewives, as well as the Striped Bass. More than a hundred years later, the

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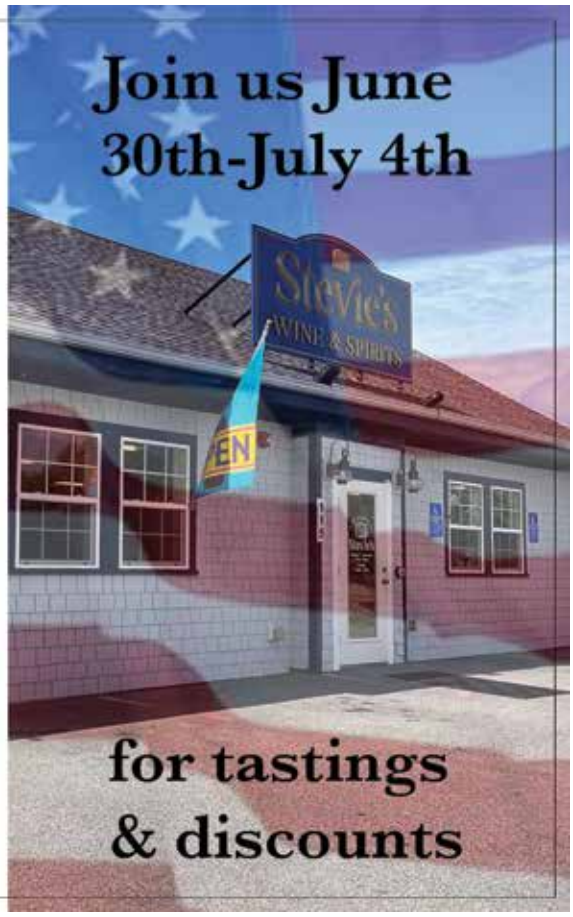

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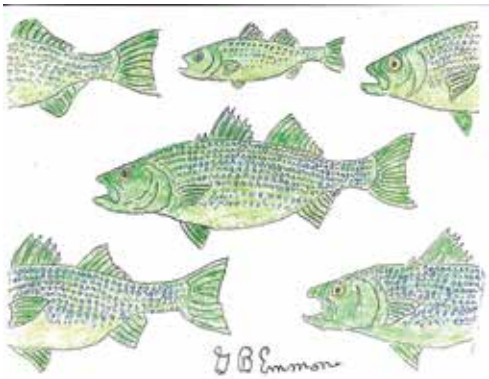
same was true of General Washington's hungry troops at Valley Forge, who were fed by migrating Striped Bass coming up the Delaware River during the American Revolution.

As in my illustration, the Striped Bass gets its name for seven or eight dark stripes that run from head to tail along the entire length of the fish. The bass itself has a white meat with a mild flavor and a medium texture. It is extremely versatile in that it can be pan-seared, grilled, steamed, poached, roasted broiled, deep fried, eaten raw, or pickled. This game fish is available year-round, sold in fish markets in sizes from 2 to 3 pounds for cooking.

The very edible "striper" supports both recreational and commercial fisheries that annually harvest over 175,000 pounds of fish per year. Most stripers in Buzzards Bay come from the Delaware River, and this spring it became so badly polluted that the state Division of Marine Fisheries reported a very serious decline in clean water. They announced that the legal-size limit of stripers had to be raised to 28 inches without further notice and only one fish could be taken in a year.



The new restriction was labeled as a legal slot-size allowance to be taken from 28 to 35 inches so that bigger Bass still have the opportunity to get even bigger because most stripers over 30 pounds are female and can annually produce 850,000 eggs. The legal slot allows Striped Bass to live up to about 40 years and reach weights of up to 100 pounds. The future of spawning grounds to protect such an important marine harvest could bring even more changes next year.

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Time Limits off Limits for Now

Marion Select Board

By Mick Colageo

The Marion Select Board voted 2-1 against establishing a policy for public participation in Select Board meetings during its June 21 public meeting.

Board member Norm Hills said he has no problem with how the policy was proposed regarding time limits, while member Randy Parker said he does not think time limits are needed.

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Hills sought clarification as to whether Burr is opposed to the whole policy or just the time limits on public comment. Burr said he's opposed to the "whole thing," including registering to speak, counting up how many people are going to speak and dividing that number.

Citing examples, Hills said such a policy is not a new concept and that he is in favor of it. Parker, who is not in favor of time limits, suggested bringing up the matter "to bring it up occasionally when we think the tool is a little biased." He also suggested not invoking the policy for a string of meetings and then employing it could by itself cause the board liability.

Hills argued that the policy would be used in every meeting. The school committees, for example, routinely read their public-comment policy at the start of that segment.

"Whether somebody speaks or not, that's not the point. It's there if we need it," said Hills. Parker argued that potential speakers would need a copy of the policy. "It's a little too busy for the Town of Marion, I'm afraid," he said.

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Noting he is not in favor of a time limit until the need is proven, Burr said it would be advantageous to agree on how to handle a meeting being hijacked. "This would do it, it would be in place," said Hills.

"For me, it creates another set of rules for people to follow. I'd rather have the audience be relaxed and informed," said Burr. "I can see it in a public hearing when you might have many people who want to speak."

Burr noted that the board limited public input to five minutes per person in the last public hearing held by the board. "No matter what time limit we put on people, there are some people we would want to listen to a lot more than the time limit will be." Parker nodded his agreement.

Gorman, the town administrator, suggested producing a list of norms for the board's consideration and that the matter be indefinitely postponed per the majority's preference in order to remove it from ongoing agenda items.

The board followed suit with a 2-1 approval, Hills acknowledging his position in the minority.

In his Town Administrator's Report, Gorman said the Select Board's summer meeting schedule has been modified to cancel its July 5 and August 1 meetings, resulting in one meeting per month for the two months.

The board discussed the feasibility of a swap shed at the Transfer Station. The project is in the works with the DPW. Parker said he and executive assistant Donna Hemphill will present a plan at the board's next meeting. The plan will include Rochester.

The board voted to approve Monday, October 16, for a Fall Special Town Meeting that will feature a vote on the remaining funding of the new Marine Center and possible other capital projects. The board also approved a special Town Election on Friday, October 20, if needed, to address an override to fund ADA sprinkler upgrades to the Town House and like projects.

Gorman told the board that "reasonable price tags" are driving the urgency to schedule a vote for the fall and avoid further cost increases by next spring. He said that documentation is in place that once an affirming vote is secured on October 16, construction can begin on the harbormaster's new headquarters building.

A plan is underway to "reset" the Bylaw Codification Committee so that it can directly advise the Select Board. Gorman said the maneuver will not take away any of the Planning Board's authority or responsibilities vis-a-vis the town's bylaws. Hills, the recently retired Planning Board chairman, is chairman of the Codification Committee, which until now has existed as a subcommittee of the Planning Board (appointed by the Select Board.)

The town's fireworks will be held on Saturday night, July 1. Gorman pitched changing the Fireworks Committee from a town committee to a nonprofit organization, simplifying the fundraising aspect of the annual effort.

An employee-appreciation lunch was planned for

Wednesday, June 28, at 12:00 pm, with plans to close the Town House for the event.

Under Action Items, the Select Board voted to have its representative to the Mattapoisett River Valley Water Supply Protection Advisory Committee extend from a one-year term to three years to coincide with the committee and MRV District Commission.

The board voted to close the traditional roads for the July 4 Independence Day Parade. Starting and finishing at the baseball field off Main Street at Sippican School, the parade starts at 9:00 am. It will run down Main Street toward the Town House, turning left (north) onto Spring Street, all the way up to Route 6, then right along Route 6 to Front Street, then right (south) down to Main Street, then right (west) back to the field.

Pending the addition of page numbers and a verification of a $25 maximum fee, the board voted to approve a public-records-request policy revision to include Gorman, the town clerk and executive secretary to the Police Department.

The board voted to authorize Department of Public Works Director Becky Tilden to file a required document with the state Department of Environmental Protection and Clean Water Trust to apply for a $55,000 Asset Management Grant that will fund infrastructure inventories and a five-year, gate-valve maintenance and replacement program for the Perry Hill and Main pumping stations.

The board approved a request for a two-week mobile-home permit at 357 Point Road to begin on July 20.

The board approved seven, Special One Day Liquor licenses to: Marion Social Club, 44 Pumping Station Road, for a birthday party with 100 attendees on Sunday, July 23, from 12:00 pm to 5:00 pm; for a memorial service (100 attendees) on Saturday, August 12, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm; for its Senior Citizen Bar-B-Que (attendees TBD) on Sunday, August 20, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm; Marion Social Club for the Town Party (150-200 attendees) to be held on Saturday, August 26, from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm at Silvershell Beach (rain date August 27); Peter Krause for a wedding (80 attendees) at the Music Hall, 164 Front Street, on Saturday, July 22, from 4:00 pm to 10:00 pm and two for the Marion Institute for its climate-change discussion (50-100 attendees) at the Music Hall, 164 Front Street, on Tuesday, July 18, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm and Tuesday, August 15, from 5:30 pm to 7:30 pm.

The board approved Water/Sewer commitments for quarterly billing of $1,346.37 (June 9) and $1,277,152.06 (June 14).

Before the meeting ended, Gorman told the board that MassDEP had that day approved the new Watershed Permit and Title 5 Nitrogen Sensitive Area regulations effective Friday, July 7. The new regulations, he said, currently address only Cape Cod, with a note that the south coast is being studied for appropriate next steps but without an established timeframe.

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Gorman publicly recognized Isaac Perry, who after 19 years as Marion's harbormaster has taken the job as Mattapoisett's new harbormaster.

The Marion Select Board has called a special public meeting and executive session for Thursday, June 29, at 3:00 pm at the Police Station.

DEP Puts Hold on Mandatory Septic Upgrades

Mattapoisett Select Board

By Marilou Newell

During the June 27 meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board, Town Administrator Mike Lorenco reported that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection has paused implementation of stricter septic regulations for the foreseeable future along the south coast.

Lorenco did not go into details but added that there are plans to roll out stiffer regulations on nitrogen levels on Cape Cod and the Islands. The DEP's proposal would have added tens of thousands of dollars to new and existing home costs with the average updated systems estimated at $50,000.

In August of 2022, MassDEP held a public meeting with Mattapoisett's Board of Health that outlined the regulatory agency's plans. At that meeting, the Board of Health heard from the DEP's NSA (nitrogen-sensitive areas) team members that there will be only two paths cities and towns identified as nitrogen-sensitive areas can go: Either require homeowners not connected to public sewer upgrade their septic systems to include denitrification technology (systems that help to eliminate nitrogen from being discharged into the estuary system within five years of implementation) or apply for a townwide permit that gives the town 20 years to reduce nitrogen by monitoring levels for effectiveness of local strategies.

Mattapoisett rallied, as the Select Board sent a letter to the DEP pointing out the tremendous financial burden that such upgraded systems would force homeowners to bear. The Select Board also contacted state officials, asking for intervention from the Senate and House of Representatives. Combined pressure seemed to have worked.

In the meantime, Lorenco said the town would continue to seek grants that would be used to conduct local water studies in advance of any the state may elect to do in the future.

Coming before the Select Board was Amy Archer of Pare Corporation, the town's consulting engineers for Phase 2a of the Mattapoisett Bike Path. Pare detailed various studies, including traffic and types of crossing equipment, as well as the conceptual design of the pathway from Railroad Avenue to Industrial Drive.

The 30-minute presentation acknowledged the fact that this section will not move forward until Marion's connecting path-construction project gains traction.

Archer also estimated construction costs at $2,850,000 for one mile that is Phase 2a. She said that once Marion gets started, the Mattapoisett project will move towards the 25% design, a goalpost when seeking grant funding. She said that presently Mattapoisett's Phase 2a is at 10% of conceptual design and that to reach 25% design would cost approximately $160,000.

The bike path is planned to continue on towards Route 6 from Good Speed Island Road by way of Railroad Avenue, cross Route 6 to Park Street and Park Place, eventually terminating at the state-owned park-and-ride across from Industrial Drive.

The crossing at Industrial Drive presents a number of challenges, but Archer believed those could be resolved by ensuring the users cross south of the entrance to the Industrial Park, not where the exit ramp from Route 195 is located.

Several meeting attendees voiced concerns over cyclists who do not ride in a safe manner, especially when crossing Mattapoisett Neck Road and Brandt Island Road. Lorenco said that patrol officers on bikes will be assigned to the bike path to help ensure the safety of riders and motorists alike.

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Jeff Swift, whose residence is located near the railroad easement, the property being used for the bike path, voiced concern over additional water flowing in the direction of his home. Archer said the intent is to reconnect hydrologic systems along the easement.

Another resident asked if portable restrooms would be placed along the bike path. Lorenco said one would be installed at the sewer pump house on Good Speed Island Road attached to the chain-link fence.

The Select Board voted to have Mattapoisett designated a Purple Heart Community. Lorenco drafted a proclamation that the board approved. The text read by board member Tyler Macallister noted the town's appreciation for those that sacrificed while in service to the country. The proclamation will be submitted to the Military Order of the Purple Heart for acceptance.

Lorenco reported that borings are being taken on Long Wharf, and the good news is that the construction team has reached, "very dense material."

In other business, a malt-and-wine permit as requested by What the Taco, a food truck located in the Mahoney Lumber parking lot, was approved for submittal to the state's licensing office. Also approved were expanded hours of operation and seating for 75 people.

Seasonal trailer permits were approved for Gregory Bartlett, 0 Silver Shell Avenue (July 1, 2, 3, 14, 15, 28 and 29) and for Diane Simonelli (July 30 through August 27) split between 0 and 1 Union Avenue.

Kevin Greiner was appointed as alternate

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building inspector, and former Marion Harbormaster Isaac Perry was appointed as Mattapoisett's new harbormaster. A scholarship committee was formed with the following volunteers: John Oldham, Carole Clifford, Colin Everett, Teresa Nelson, Paul Criscuolo, Kate Brown and Deborah Fraine.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Select Board was not immediately scheduled upon adjournment.

Retirees Receive Boost

Rochester Select Board

By Michael J. DeCicco

Rochester's selectmen on June 21 approved a plan to give town employee retirees a one-time 5% Cost of Living Adjustment raise for 2023 that will cost the town budget $25,000 for the next five years.

Town Treasurer Kory Lyon presented the plan to the board on behalf of the Plymouth County Retirement Board, which has chosen the action as a way to better compensate the town's retirees for 2023.

It piggybacks on Governor Charlie Baker's November 2022 signing of a law that according to a recent Mass Municipal Association report, "adds an important municipal acceptance step for a one-time, above-the-cap increase in public pension cost-of-living adjustments in fiscal 2023."

Plymouth County Retirement Association representative Charles Armanetti emphasized that this is a one-year increase approved by the retirement board. He noted the other 10 communities in Plymouth County have all approved this plan. Now it was Rochester's turn to decide.

There are 45 retirees from Rochester currently, he said. The $25,000 per year amount will cover the increase by cutting the grand total cost of $125,000 into five pieces.

Still, the selectmen were reluctant at first to approve the expense. "It is a big hit on our budget," Town Administrator Glenn Cannon said.

Select Board Chairman Paul Ciaburri lamented that Finance Committee Chairman Kris Stoltenberg was not in attendance to give his perspective. Select Board member Brad Morse noted that might not have mattered, as Stoltenberg doesn't know the budget numbers for next

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"Ten out of 10 communities have voted in favor," Armanetti said before the final, unanimous approval vote. "But it wasn't easy. There has been resistance. But every other town has found a way."

Later in the evening came a surprising announcement, as Cannon revealed that the developer of the Rochester Memorial School solar-energy canopy project has asked the state for an extension of its permit to June 30, 2024.

Cannon said the problem is in supplies. The developer is having trouble getting shipments of the steel that the project needs. The Planning Board approved the project permit and the Groundwater Protection District permit in May. The canopy-mounted, large-scale, solar photovoltaic system was to be built over 13.7 acres of the rear parking lot of the Rochester Memorial School starting this fall.

In other business, the Select Board followed a recommendation from Town Planner Nancy Durfee and approved donating $10,000 from SEMASS's yearly donation to the town to fund the Snipatuit Pond hydrologist study. Durfee explained in a previous meeting that a flow gauge would be installed to determine the area's waterflow rate and water levels. ARPA monies totaling $20,000 funded the beginning of the project, Durfee said, adding that she needs volunteers to help her monitor this gauge.

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The board also approved beginning a Veterans Work-Off Program, under which military veterans may work a maximum of 125 hours in a year for the town to abate their tax-bill debts.

The board announced that the Conservation Commission needs a new full member and an associate member after accepting the resignation of Commissioner William Clapp. Interested volunteers should contact Town Hall.

Under appointments, new Select Board member Adam Murphy was named the panel's new representative to the Southeastern Regional Planning and Economic Development District (SRPEDD) commission. Halima Tiffany was reappointed to the Registrar of Voters, and Sandra Romero became a new member of the Agricultural Commission.

The board approved a $250 license fee for the new Farmer Winery Pour License.

The board approved an amendment to the Town Counsel Access Policy that any member of a board may ask the town administrator to speak to Town Counsel. The policy previously required the entire board or committee to agree to make such a request of legal counsel.

The board approved closing Town Hall on Monday, July 3.

The Rochester Select Board called a special meeting for an executive session on Thursday, June 29, at 5:30 pm to discuss personnel and will not convene in public session. The board set its next regular meeting for Monday, July 10, at 6:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way.

Planned Private Pier Reviewed

Mattapoisett Conservation Commission

By Marilou Newell

Coming before the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission on June 26 was David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., representing the Lisa Muller Trust Declaration regarding a proposed residential pier at 89 Mattapoisett Neck Road.

The structure as described by Davignon will feature a board walkway over marsh, advancing towards the pier where a floating dock will be located. He said that beachgoers with access to the private waterside via private properties and those walking along the high-tide mark will be able to traverse the wooden platform, thus it will not impede recreational use of the area.

Davignon shared that there is a mapped eel-grass meadow in the area but that the meadow will be 10 feet off the pier. In the offseason, the floating dock will be elevated out of harm's way versus removed and stored elsewhere, Davignon explained.

It was determined that any concerns regarding sand movement under the pier will be reviewed and regulated by agencies such as the state Division of Marine Fisheries and the Army Corps of Engineers. Concerns of this nature were raised by Colin Everett, 144 Fairhaven Road.

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Everett also inquired as to the size of the pier which is planned to be 74 feet of fixed structure with an additional 28 feet for the gangway and float. The Notice of Intent filing was continued until July 10.

Also continued was a Request for Determination of Applicability filed by Andris Rieksts and Lisa Francis, 0 Park Place, for the construction of a single-family home on a previously approved, two-lot subdivision. Also represented by Davignon, the project presentation detailed that a retaining wall will encircle the entire footprint of the home and that the owner will be responsible for water and sewer piping from the end of the public service.

The filing was continued to July 10 to give Davignon time to update the engineered drawings to include, among other things, drainage from the roof.

Before adjourning, Chairman Mike King was voted into another tour of duty as the chair and newest member David Nicolosi as clerk.

The next meeting of the Mattapoisett Conservation Commission is scheduled for Monday, July 10, at 6:30 pm.

CBD Shop Working out Details

Rochester Planning Board

By Jeffrey D. Wagner

All the "meat and potatoes" have not changed on a site plan and special-permit application for a recreational marijuana establishment that would be located at 621 County Road, according to the applicant's lawyer, Jonathan Silverstein.

The Rochester Planning Board on Tuesday night did not take any action, as project representative Phil Cordeiro of Allen & Major Associates is still working with peer-review engineer Ken Motta on some of the finer details. Specifically, the board awaits Motta's written input on the traffic plans, which Cordeiro said will not have a significant impact.

Planning Board Chairman Arnold Johnson said the board will be ready at its July 11 meeting to vote on a special permit that would allow for marijuana use at 621 County Road. The site-plan review-approval process should occur at the board's first meeting in August.

This process will pave the way for a 4,500-square-foot, mixed-use commercial building that will become the first pot establishment in the Tri-Town area and located by the Wareham border.

Cordeiro gave a presentation on some of the more recently proposed changes meant to minimize the impact on abutters to the north and south of the property. Among the changes is a proposed 6-foot stockade fence on a 3-foot berm, creating a 9-foot barrier.

Planning Board members questioned if the fence would block the view of the road for vehicles exiting the property.

"There is nothing worse than pulling out into traffic," Planning Board member Ben Bailey said.

Cordeiro said he would continue to work with Motta on that issue, perhaps tweaking it so the fence only reaches a 4-foot height as it approaches the main road. Cordeiro said sidewalk deficiencies in that area will also be improved.

Megan's Organic Market Rochester LLC is owned in part by two Massachusetts residents but is a California-based company.

Talks with the Planning Board started last year, but an agreement was reached with the Select Board last fall.

The site-plan review and special permit are the final steps toward construction of the marijuana shop, which will share a site with another small business.

In other business, the Planning Board agreed to

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work with Zoning Commissioner Paul Boucher on an in-law apartment bylaw.

Boucher said many communities have such a bylaw, and it often protects the abutters of these properties. He said some applicants in town have a proposed, 1,200-square-foot, in-law apartment, which appears to be much bigger than its intended purpose.

"That's a house for God's sake," he said, offering 750 square feet as a reasonable size.

Boucher said some communities have rules stating that a relative must live in the in-law apartment, which he said is impossible to enforce.

The next meeting of the Rochester Planning Board was not scheduled upon adjournment.

Variance Keeps Applicant in Own Yard

Marion Zoning Board of Appeals

By Mick Colageo

Terrence and Laura Hartford can now step off their deck and onto their own property after the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals voted to grant them a variance immediately following a June 22 public hearing.

The Hartfords applied for a variance from Section 230-5.1 of the Marion Zoning Bylaws to allow the conveyance of an abutting parcel at 62 Water Street, also described as Map 16, Lot 135B, to the applicant's lot (135C) at 70 Water Street to remove a hardship of trespass.

Tom Ryan, the applicants' attorney, described "a jagged boundary line," harkening back to a 1999 Approval Not Required maneuver that "took some land from Lot 135B, giving it to 135C in order to build an extension."

The existing deck, Ryan said, was built right to the boundary line. "Every time my clients step off of the deck, they're technically trespassing," he noted with some humor. Ryan said this has gone on ever since the

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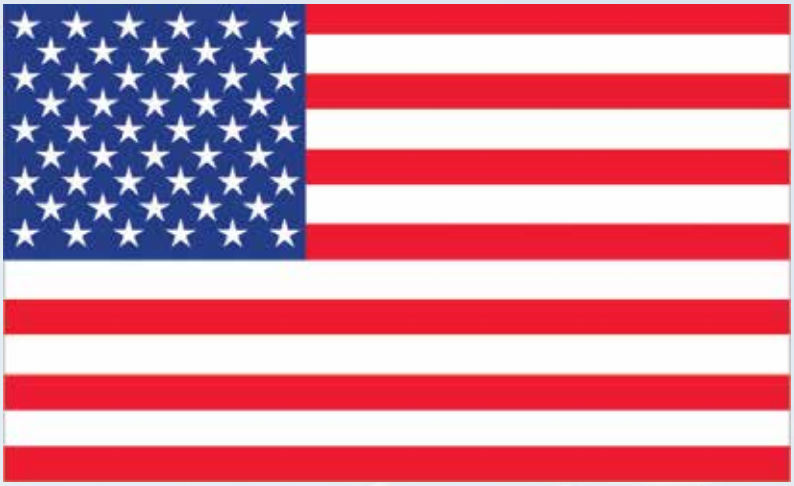

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1999 construction without any sort of right-of-way or access agreement. He considered the situation "a major hardship" for the applicants.

As ZBA member Margie Baldwin would point out, both neighbors are shielded from view of this situation by either the house or trees at a distance and a fence.

The goal, Ryan said, was to establish a more-natural boundary line between the two lots, one that would run along an existing fence marked on the site plan. The plan would not alter the frontage facing Water Street.

Robert Braman, a Marion-based land surveyor, said the parcel that the applicant will take from Lot 135B to Lot 135C measures approximately 605 square feet. That loss of land from Lot 135B will leave in excess of 1 acre, the minimum required when that lot saw an addition to the house.

Ryan said the abutters, whose property is the landing point when the Hartfords step off their deck, actually suggested the proposed plan.

ZBA member Dana Nilson asked if there is any plan for addition(s) to the house that would require future setback variances. Laura Hartford said there are plans to add a dormer to the back of the house and a kitchen to the front side, neither of which would alter the footprint.

Marion Building Commissioner Bob Grillo identified the case as "one of the rare circumstances where this variance is making it more conforming. It's not conforming, but it's making a bad situation better," he said.

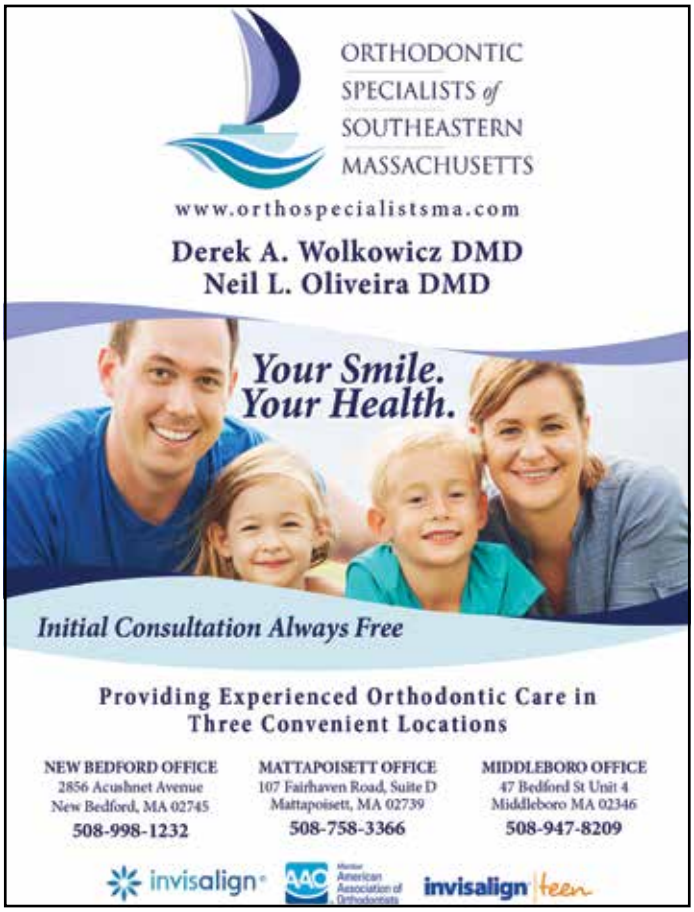
Grillo also pointed out that if the ZBA did not grant the requested variance, the applicant could file an application for a special permit based on the fact the deck already sits within inches of the lot line. The deck, as Baldwin also pointed out, had been installed prior to the sale of the abutting lot.

ZBA Chairperson Cynthia Callow sought clarification from Ryan as to whether easements are an option, to which Ryan confirmed they "always" are. But he said they do not want a situation in the future in which an attorney could challenge an easement created by attorneys in this case. Ryan called a variance "the cleanest possible way" to ensure the future of the proposed arrangement.

Based on a "lengthy packet" given the ZBA by former Town Counsel Jon Witten, Nilson and Baldwin admitted struggle with the hardship as asserted, a prerequisite of a variance. Nilson quoted Witten's document disqualifying resale value as a legitimate hardship in a variance application. "I don't understand the hardship here," he said.

Ryan said the hardship is not based on a deterrent to the house's resale value but on "breaking the law every time they step off the deck."

"If the Hatfields and the McCoys get the land, then we're in trouble, aren't we," said Callow.



ZBA member Will Tifft expressed concern that the abutters' approval was not documented, but Grillo said the associated ANR plan required the transfer of property, implying the abutter's approval. Ryan said the abutters had planned to attend the hearing and apologized for their absence.

Baldwin and Callow called it a "bad division" of property that would be made a little better and less nonconforming.

With that, the public hearing was closed. Deliberation quickly gave way to a unanimous vote of approval.

With the resignation of Dr. Ed Hoffer from the ZBA, Dani Engwert became a full, voting member, and on June 22, alternate member Joan Gardner voted on the Hartford public hearing. The ZBA needs a new alternate member.

In discussion regarding CPTC on-demand training, Callow asked the membership for feedback while noting that Marion can determine the focal point of needed training.

Callow introduced Assistant Treasurer/Collector Daryl Hope Cook, who filled in for regular board administrator Anne Marie Tobia.

Without scheduled public hearings, the next meeting of the Marion Zoning Board of Appeals was not set upon adjournment.

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Elevated Staircase Gets Green Light

Marion Conservation Commission

By Mick Colageo

Jon Delli Priscoli was voted an Order of Conditions for a proposed elevated staircase to the beach at 162 Point Road, per the Marion Conservation Commission during its June 14 public meeting.

Project representative David Davignon of Schneider, Davignon & Leone, Inc., said he had an aerial photo from 1985 indicating a beach-access point, as corroborated by the property's former owners in an email. That access, said Davignon, was destroyed by Hurricane Bob (1991.) Since then, the vegetation has grown to the edge of the lawn at the property and obscures a stone

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bank.

The proposal plans a staircase with an air gap below the vegetation. The 20-foot drop would be bridged with 14 anchors. Two sections of deck would be prebuilt, then dropped into place, the staircase to be built between them.

"We should be able to do the project with minimal disturbance," said Davignon, noting that the work is along the coastal bank.

He said the MassDEP issued a file number and had no comments.

Conservation Commission Chairman Jeff Doubrava, who had visited the site, had no issues. Commissioner Shaun Walsh asked about the condition of the beach where the staircase will land. Davignon said the last step will land at beach grade. He said the surface there is "mainly cobble. ... You wouldn't want to lay out there on a blanket."

Walsh observed that a nearby staircase ends above the beach grade due to recent, storm-driven erosion.

One of the certificates of compliance considered for William and Elizabeth Weber at 21 East Avenue was met with concern from Commissioner Ethan Gerber over a drainage pipe that as Doubrava described, is sending drainage unfiltered down into the cove.

"That looked like a pretty significant deviation from what was permitted," he said.

Walsh said a catch basin had been installed where the driveway meets the road and a pipe under the landscaped area discharges. He noted that Davignon did not design the drainage pipe.

"This concerns me because I have no idea the volume of runoff that's going into that catch basin and hence the volume and velocity of the runoff exiting that pipe," said Walsh, speculating that a Davignon design would have been similar to the one he did at the end of the causeway road.

Estimating that the end of the drainpipe is 20 feet from the shoreline, Walsh wanted to clarify that a Certificate of Compliance does not constitute approval of that drainage design. It was not part of Davignon's plan on behalf of the Webers.

While he said the issue is not grounds for the withholding of a COC, Walsh indicated he would like to see Davignon design a reconfiguration of that system.

Davignon said he was perfectly comfortable receiving a COC and a request to file a Request for Determination of Applicability to revise the drainage plan. Doubrava was not comfortable issuing a COC until the commission receives the RDA. Davignon requested a continuance of the discussion to July 12, and the commissioners voted to honor that request.

Great Hill Marion LLC, Cathy Stone, was issued a Negative Determination of Applicability for spot treatment to halt the spread of phragmites in Areas 2, 3 and 4 at North Great Hill Drive.

Stone told the commission her group has been working on the issue for a while to prevent the phragmites' spread. "Hopefully, this will be the last time we have to apply for a permit to do this ... it's not gone completely," she said. The treatment will include chemical treatment and swiping in individual spots.

Doubrava said the area is much improved over several years ago.

John and Theresa Cederholm, trustees of the Cederholm Nominee Trust, were voted a Negative Determination of Applicability for minor clearing and grading within land subject to coastal-storm flowage in order to access a building site at East Avenue.

Project representative Brian Grady of G.A.F. Engineering said a third of the side is inside the flood

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zone, but the bulk of the work is outside the flood zone. Grady said that the dwelling on the lot, as well as the septic system and driveway, are outside the flood zone. He said the neighbors had long used the lot as a garden.

Sally Gaglini, DGZ Realty LLC, was voted an Order of Conditions to renovate a single-family house to include a two-car garage and associated grading at 10 Hartley Lane.

James Connolly was voted an Order of Conditions for the construction of a single-story addition to a two-story house at 92 Dexter Road.

In his Conservation Agent Report, Doug Guey-Lee reported to the commission regarding two freshly cut pine trees that had been thrown into the water from 196 Point Road. He observed other items. Doubrava said the harbormaster observed debris that would have been a hazard to navigation.

Appearing at the meeting, the resident at the address said the trees were dead, and while it may have been bad judgment to expect them to be biodegradable at the bottom of the hill, he said they can remove the trees.

Commissioner Emil Assing said two trees should be replanted in the same area that the two had existed. Identifying the hill as a "coastal bank," Walsh said it's important to recognize jurisdictional areas, especially for waterfront properties as protected by the state's Wetlands Act. He explained that the commission should have been given a say before the trees, albeit dead, were removed.

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The good thing, Walsh said, is that the stumps are still there.

The commission's position was that removal of the logs will suffice with a report to Guey-Lee.

In separate votes, the commission voted to issue certificates of compliance to Dale and Laura Briggs for work performed at 23 Dexter Road.

The Marion Conservation Commission was scheduled to meet on Wednesday, June 28, and is scheduled to next meet on Wednesday, July 12, at 7:00 pm.

Brewster Woods Touted As Model Development

Marion Affordable Housing Trust

By Mick Colageo

Marion Affordable Housing Trust member Susan Miller learned a lot during her participation in a recent South Coast Affordable Housing forum, as expressed during the June 13 public meeting of the AHT.

"This was an eye-opener," said Miller, seeing that the City of New Bedford is a focal point of ARPA funding.

New Bedford was to receive $63,000,000 that the city would use to create a building coordinator to look at new properties. The aim is to buy up old buildings, including former factories to be converted into residential buildings.

"They said, if we get this housing, then we're not going to deal with the homeless problem. They were very clear about that with the New Bedford group," said Miller.

The state held up Brewster Woods' 30 affordable rental apartments on Cape Cod and the development's "whole community approach" as a model for other communities.

"You see that with this one development, that they got money from all different sources," said Miller, adding that the focus there is on helping people with disabilities. "Also, that was the first group that I heard anyone saying they want to help out the veterans."

A supportive housing development for the elderly in Plympton has also been held up as an example for communities.

Miller came away from the forum with the distinct impression that the Town of Marion needs a full-time grant writer. "It's a big task," she said.

Major municipal construction projects facing the town have experienced grant writers on staff preoccupied.

Miller's research on Community Preservation proposals yielded information on communities that give a discount or help, including nearby Middleborough, which offers a discount to ages 65 and over (as does Cambridge.) However, said Miller, the other towns rely on federal, low-income housing grants. "You have to be within the federal-poverty guidelines," she said.

The state Association for Community Action assistance helps eligible households pay water and sewer bills. "They break it down, the household, the income, gross income for the month and if you can qualify," said Miller, then it becomes another means of assistance.

Miller also spoke about green energy and the Great American Rain Barrel program. She said the Mattapoisett Agricultural Commission held a now-completed program for residences (including those in Marion and Rochester.)

AHT member Nancy McFadden said she became more cognizant at Town Meeting as to what the Community Preservation Committee does.

AHT member Norm Hills explained that the Community Preservation Act is funded by a 2% tax that the town voted long before he lived in Marion, then the program expanded and has funded many projects with CPA funds.

Chairperson Terri Santos noted that the AHT has $8,000 in its budget.

An April 24 letter from former Select Board member John Waterman on the Affordable/Inclusionary Zoning Bylaw was discussed.

"A lot of this is not accurate," said Santos of Waterman's letter. Santos said she is "on the same page" as Hills, who disagrees with Waterman's criticisms of the 20-year bylaw.

Hills pointed out that no permit has been pulled for the Heron Cove Estates development, so the town only has conditional protection to refuse a developer's 40B application until it's pulled. Eileen Marum, attending the meeting, said that without that permit pulled, Marion is not in a "safe harbor."

Hills encouraged the trust to work with the Planning Board, and Santos suggested the trust will want to speak for itself in its response to Waterman's letter.

The next meeting of the Marion Affordable Housing Trust is scheduled for Tuesday, July 11, at 6:00 pm.

Coastline Elderly Nutrition Program

Monday, July 3: Cheeseburger, ketchup packet, potato wedges, chuckwagon corn, hamburger roll, Mandarin oranges

Tuesday, July 4: No meals served

Wednesday, July 5: Stuffed chicken w/broccoli & cheese, rice pilaf, summer blend vegetables, whole wheat bread,

oatmeal cream pie, diet: Lorne Doones
Thursday, July 6: Sazon pork loin, boiled potatoes, glazed carrots, oatmeal bread, tropical fruit
Friday, July 7: Honey ginger glazed salmon, confetti rice, Oriental blend vegetables, multigrain bread, fresh apple

Academic Achievements

The University of Rhode Island is pleased to announce the Spring 2023 Dean's List. Local students included; **Maggie Arruda** of Marion, **Sam Gryska** of Marion, **Madison Kimball** of Marion, **Quintin Palmer** of Marion, **Jo Riley** of Marion, **Mason Tucker** of Marion, **Andrew Coucci** of Mattapoisett, **Chris Gauvin** of Mattapoisett, **Cooper Newton** of Mattapoisett, **Ethan Scully** of Mattapoisett and **Mariana Ditata** of Rochester

The following local residents received Bachelor of Arts degrees from Hamilton College on Sunday, May 21, in a Commencement ceremony concluding the college's 211th year:

Samuel Gordon of Marion, an economics major, Gordon graduated cum laude.

Abigail LaCasse of Mattapoisett, a psychology major, LaCasse graduated magna cum laude with departmental honors in psychology and was recently elected to the Epsilon Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa. LaCasse completed a thesis titled "Self-Distancing and ADHD: Does a 'Fly on the Wall' Perspective Help Regulate Negative Emotions?"

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College during Spring Semester 2023 at The University of Alabama were named to the director's list with an academic record of 3.6 or higher, including **Bridget Wallace** of Marion.

Patrick O'Neil, of Rochester is among the more than 3,100 students who earned their degrees from the University of Mississippi in May 2023. O'Neil, who majored in Risk Management and Insurance, received a Bachelor of Business Administration from the School of Business Administration.

The following local residents were named to Clark University's Spring 2023 Dean's List: **Maeve B. McEnroe**, of Marion was named to first honors. **Bernave Twyman**, of Mattapoisett was named to second honors.

Cecilia Prefontaine of Rochester, who is in the ASL-English interpretation program, and **Emma Thorell** of Mattapoisett, who is in the physician assistant program, were named to the Dean's List at Rochester Institute of Technology for the spring semester of the 2022-2023 academic year.

Chase Guard of Marion graduated from Plymouth State University during its 152nd Anniversary Commencement Ceremony on May 12, 2023. Guard graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration.

Mattapoisett Road Race

Mattapoisett Road Race has a new look. While the race still directs runners through the beautiful village, and the proceeds still provide scholarships to local students, the new course eliminates all the zig zagging of the last mile with its straighter path from Ned's Point Light to the finish line. Mattapoisett Road Race runners now run "Four for the 4th."

Registration is online www.mattapoisettroadrace.com/registration.html for $25 until July 2. In person registration is at Shipyard Park on July 3 from 4-6 pm and July 4 from 7:30 -8:45 am for $35. The race begins at 9:00 am. If you'd like to volunteer on the day of the race, please contact Danny White at the Town Hall 508-758-4100 EXT 223.

The Marion Mile

The Marion Mile is a six-week running series for kids. It takes place on Tabor Academy's Duffy turf fields in Tuesday evening from **June 27 to August 1** (with the exception of July 4 when it will be held on Wednesday July 5.) This is the 20th annual running of the event. Information about the event can be found on the Facebook page "MarionMile" or by contacting race director Chris Adams at cadams@taboracademy.org.

Mattapoisett Museum

The Mattapoisett Museum is celebrating Pride Month with a queer artistry exhibit presenting the work of Alia Cusolito of Rochester. The show is now open and there will be a reception with Cusolito on Saturday, **July 8** from 4:00-6:00 pm at 5 Church St. in Mattapoisett. The

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Saturday, July 15, 2023 shuttle - 6:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m. • Sunday, July 16, 2023 shuttle - 8:00 a.m - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday July 9, 2023
2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. Kids' Paint Afternoon (Under the Big Tent - Must Pre-Register)

Tuesday, July 11, 2023
5:00 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Mattapoisett Woman's Club Taste of Town (Under the Big Tent)

Wednesday, July 12, 2023
6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Strawberry Shortcakes ($7.00)
7:30 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. Mattapoisett Town Band Concert

Thursday, July 13, 2023
6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. Adult Paint Night (Under the Big Tent - Must Pre-Register)

Friday, July 14, 2023
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Friday Night Fish Fry by Oxford Creamery ($16.00)
5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Strawberry Shortcakes ($7.00)
Entertainment
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Xtreme Acoustic

Saturday, July 15, 2023
9:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Craft Fair 100+ Vendors
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Silent Auction & 50/50 Raffle
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. U Pick 'Em
9:00 a.m. - ? Mattapoisett Fire Department apparatus
11:00 a.m.- 4:00 p.m. Mattapoisett Lions Club Grill & Oxcart
~4:00 p.m. - Silent Auction high bidders announced.
11:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m. Strawberry Shortcakes ($7.00)
5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. Lobsterfest ($30.00)
Entertainment
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Gary Brown
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 Science Marvels of Motion
3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Butch McCarthy
5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. Rebecca Correia

Sunday, July 16, 2023
8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. Pancake Breakfast ($8.00 adults & children)
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Craft Fair 100+ Vendors
9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. 50/50 Raffle
Winner announced ~4:00 p.m.
9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. U Pick 'Em
Winners announced ~3:00 p.m. Need not be present to win.
11:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. Mattapoisett Lions Club Grill
11:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Oxcart Food Truck
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. or Until Sold Out Strawberry Shortcakes ($7.00)
Entertainment
8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - CAL (Caroline Wingate Ukulele)
11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Showstoppers
1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. The Johnny Bickford Band

Sunday, July 30, 2023
8:00 a.m. Mattapoisett Lions Club's Triathlon at Town Beach

public is invited to attend.

Cusolito uses collage as a medium for their work, taking scraps from magazines, newspapers and other print to create their illustrations. Other works incorporate acrylics or are solely painted. "My work conveys growing up in a small town as LGBTQ, which was both a unique experience and yet also sometimes hostile." Drawing on the works of poet, lesbian, philosopher and civil rights activist Aude Lorde for inspiration, Alia portrays both the angst and the joy of the LGBTQ community experiences.

Alia is a rising senior at Old Rochester Regional and Copresident of the nonprofit Queer Youth Assemble. They have been involved in activism on various levels, advocating for the liberation and autonomy for all people, with the hope of a future that is safe and compassionate. Alia has always loved art, music and new experiences. This exhibit showcases their talent.

For any questions, please contact Curator Connor Gaudet at 508-758-2844. Cusolito can be reached at aliac@queeryouthassemble.org.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church

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9:00 AM A Conversation With…
9:30 AM Arts Alive
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Auto Sense
11:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:30 AM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
2:00 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Edwin Pina
3:00 PM Marion Memorial Day Ceremony
3:30 PM Mattapoisett Memorial Day Ceremony
4:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
5:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
5:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global US
6:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
6:30 PM Tri-Town TV
7:00 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
7:30 PM This is America & The World
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM The Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Lamb of God Christian Church
10:00 PM Old Colony Graduation
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Friday June 30, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Living & Learning with Disabilities
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Cape Conversations
11:30 AM A Conversation With...
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Sidewalks Entertainment
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
2:30 PM Off the Shelf
3:00 PM Two Grannies on the Road
3:30 PM This is America and the World
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
4:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
5:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Hour with Eleanor
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Tabor Academy Commencement
9:00 PM The Non-Profit World
9:30 PM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Saturday July 1, 2023
6:00 AM Saturday Morning Cartoon Festival
9:00 AM Health Source
9:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM A Conversation With…
11:00 AM Auto Sense
11:30 AM Science 360
12:00 PM Mid-Day Movie
1:30 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Edwin Pina
2:30 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
3:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltowitz
3:30 PM South Coast Matters
4:00 PM The Jeannine Hunt Experience
5:00 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies on the Southcoast
5:30 PM Cape Conversations
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM ORR Graduation
9:00 PM ORR Theatre Class
10:00 PM Two Tones with George Lopes
10:30 PM Let's Talk Business
11:00 PM Classic Movies

Sunday July 2, 2023
6:00 AM Health Source
6:30 AM Reeling - The Movie Review Show
7:00 AM Lamb of God Christian Church
8:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
9:00 AM First Congregational Church of Rochester
10:00 AM St. Gabriel's Episcopal Church of Marion
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
1:35 PM Sippican Historical Society Oral History - Edwin Pina
2:25 PM ORR Theatre Class
3:30 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:00 PM Fur, Fins, and Feathers
4:30 PM The World Fusion Show
5:00 PM Marion Memorial Day Ceremony
5:30 PM Mattapoisett Memorial Day Ceremony
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
7:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
7:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
8:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
8:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Old Growth Forests of MA
9:30 PM This is America & The World
11:30 PM Classic Movies

Monday July 3, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM You and Your Health
9:30 AM The Curious Giraffe Shw
10:00 AM A Conversation With…
10:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
11:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
11:30 AM Tri-Town TV
12:00 PM What's Linda Cooking?
12:30 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:00 PM In the Toy Box
1:30 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:00 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:30 PM The Collective Chat
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
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Tuesday July 4, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:00 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
9:30 AM The Collective Chat
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Mike Paige Doodle Club
11:00 AM Arts Alive
11:30 AM In the Toy Box
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Old Colony 2023 Civic Project - Noah Sullivan
2:00 PM The Human Truth with Chuck McIntyre
2:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Tomorrow and Today
3:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Focus on Europe
3:30 PM Deutsche Welle - Global 3000
4:00 PM Deutsche Welle - Euromaxx
4:30 PM Marion Memorial Day Ceremony
5:00 PM Mattapoisett Memorial Day Ceremony
5:30 PM Tri-Town TV
6:00 PM XUC Pro Wrestling
7:00 PM Marion Art Center - An Evening with Eleanor
8:00 PM Money Matters TV
8:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
9:00 PM Falmouth Academy Community Series
10:00 PM Gay USA
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

Wednesday July 5, 2023
7:00 AM Seniorcize
7:30 AM Silver Strength: Mind and Body
8:30 AM For Your Health
9:00 AM Two Grannies on the Road
9:30 AM Reeling: The Movie Review Show
10:00 AM The Curious Giraffe Show
10:30 AM Sidewalks Entertainment
11:00 AM Mattapoisett Congregational Church
12:00 PM Tri-Town TV
12:30 PM What's Linda Cooking?
1:00 PM Cooking Healthy with Coastline
1:30 PM Southcoast Matters TV
2:00 PM Auto Sense
2:30 PM Money Talk Tuesday
3:00 PM A Conversation With…
3:30 PM Music Monday's with Houston Bernard
4:00 PM Paltrocast with Darren Paltrowitz
4:30 PM Marion Natural History Museum - Butterflies of Southeastern MA
5:30 PM Building the Future
6:00 PM Tri-Town TV
6:30 PM The World Fusion Show
7:00 PM Let's Talk Business
7:30 PM ORR Graduation
8:00 PM ORR Theatre Class
9:30 PM Beacon Hill Report
10:00 PM Ghost Chronicles
11:00 PM Democracy Now!

MARION GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 39
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Marion Board of Selectmen
8:00 AM Marion Conservation Commission
10:00 AM Marion Planning Board
11:30 AM Marion Zoning Board of Appeals
1:00 PM Marion Finance Committee
2:30 PM Marion Open Space Committee
3:30 PM Marion Board of Health
4:30 PM Marion Marine Resource Committee
5:00 PM Marion School Committee
7:00 PM ORR School Committee
9:30 PM Marion Board of Selectmen
11:30 PM Marion Planning Board

ROCHESTER GOVERNMENT
Comcast Channel 95
Verizon Channel 40
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Rochester Board of Selectmen
8:30 AM Rochester Planning Board
11:00 AM Rochester Conservation Commission
12:30 PM Rochester Zoning Board of Appeal
2:30 PM Rochester School Committee
5:00 PM ORR School Committee
7:30 PM Rochester Board of Selectmen
9:00 PM Rochester Planning Board
11:30 PM Rochester Conservation Commission

EDUCATION CHANNEL
Comcast Channel 97
Verizon Channel 37
Daily Schedule
7:00 AM Bulldog Weekly
7:30 AM RMS 4th Grade band concert
8:00 AM Center School Tribute to Principal Bowman
9:00 AM Sippican Jr Reporters
10:00 AM Chuck McIntyre - Autistic Presentation at ORR
11:00 AM ORRJHS Spring Concert
12:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
12:30 PM ORRJHS Spring Concert
2:00 PM ORR Students vs Staff Basketball Fundraiser
3:00 PM ORR Boys Lacrosse vs Fairhaven
5:00 PM ORR Class Olympics
6:00 PM Bulldog Weekly
6:30 PM ORR Senior Superlatives
8:00 PM Tabor Academy Commencement
11:30 PM ORR Football vs Fairhaven

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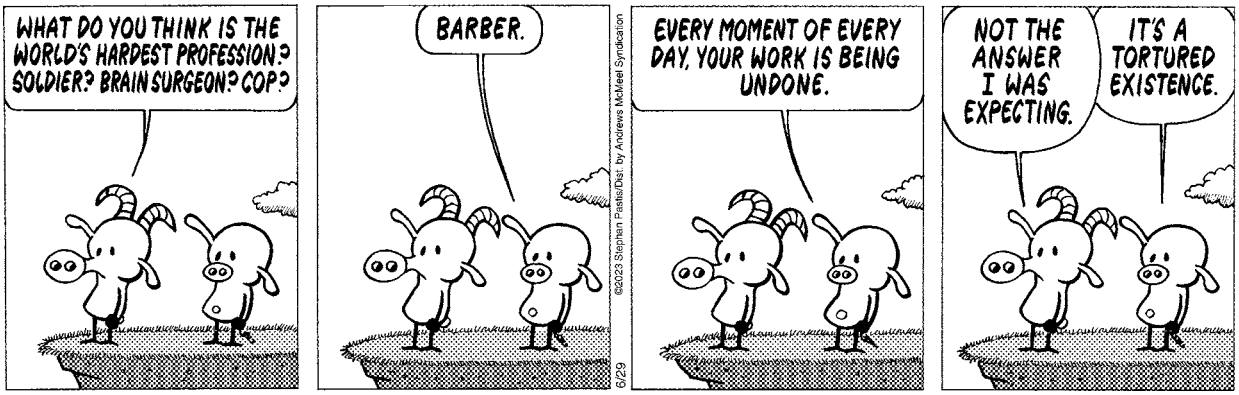
PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis



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OBITUARIES

Tamara (Lukowicz) O'Hara, 53, of Marion passed away peacefully and surrounded by love on Thursday, June 22, 2023. She was the wife and soulmate of Shawn O'Hara.

Born in Providence Rhode Island, the daughter of Glenn and Celine (DeCesere) Lukowicz, she spent her early childhood in Hawaii, and most of her life in Marion. Tamara was a graduate of Bishop Stang High School and Bristol Community College where she earned her degree in Nursing. Tamara worked as a Registered Nurse in the Fall River area for both St Anne's Hospital and Prima Care for a combined twenty-five years.

Tamara loved traveling, and her dogs, but mostly any activities or time she could spend with her family and friends where she enveloped everyone she met with kindness, compassion, laughter and love.

Tamara is survived by her husband Shawn, her step-children whom she just adored, Joshua O'Hara, Jacob O'Hara and his partner Kaitlin Oliveira, and Annie O'Hara, her parents Glenn and Celine, her sister Kym (Lukowicz) Lee and her husband Terence, her nephews Dr. Terence Lee, Jr. and his partner Dr. Ashley Lin, and Matthew Lee. In addition she leaves behind her mother and father-in-law Christine (Paltrineri) and George O'Hara Jr., her sister-in-law Cynthia O'Hara and brother-in-law George O'Hara III and his partner Mary Tierney, along with beloved aunts, uncle, nieces, nephews, and the most incredible friends and friendships.

She is predeceased by her grandparents Bill and Agnes DeCesare, and Leon and Diana Lukowicz as well as Louis and Treva Paltrineri, Barbara and George O'Hara Sr., Nicholas Pilla, Lisa McIntosh Fucile and Ian Barlow.

We would like to thank the incredible doctors and nurses and staff at both Dana Farber Cancer Institute and Brigham and Women's Hospital for their exceptional care and compassion throughout this past year.

Her Funeral Mass will be held Friday, June 30, 2023 at 10 am at St. Mary's Church, 789 Dartmouth St., Dartmouth, with everyone invited to meet directly at Church. Visitation will be held on Thursday, June 29, 2023 from 4-8 pm at the Saunders-Dwyer Mattapoisett Home for Funerals, 50 County Road, Mattapoisett. In lieu of flowers donations in Tamara's memory can be made to Dana Farber Cancer Institute, P.O. Box 849168, Boston, MA 02284. For directions and guestbook, visit www.saundersdwyer.com.

If you have a notice you would like to have included in the Obituaries section, please contact our office at: 508 758-9055, or by email at office@wanderer.com.

Movie Review

For Better or Verse

By Rob Gonsalves
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***Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse.* With the voices of Shameik Moore and Hailee Steinfeld. Running time: 140 minutes. MPAA rating: PG-13. Now playing in theaters. Coming to streaming media July 18.**

For all its popping visual ingenuity and fecundity, *Spider-Man: Across the Spider-Verse* is one of the loudest and most active movies I've ever almost fallen asleep on. The film's predecessor, 2018's *Spider-Man: Into the Spider-Verse,* left me feeling in my review, "I admire it as a glistening piece of pop art. But its corporate pizzazz chills me a little." Well, the chill hasn't gone away. *Across,* as we'll call it for short, depends heavily on your having seen the first film, preferably within the last month. Otherwise you may not be clued in as to the new Spider-Man, Miles Morales (Shameik Moore), and why Spider-Gwen (Hailee Steinfeld), a Spider-Person from another universe, takes an interest in the arc of his story.

After an awful lot of weightless jumping, running, fighting and smiting, we're briefed on the crisis: each Spider-Person's life must follow certain "canon events," and for Miles this might mean the death of his father. Does Miles save him? You'll have to come back next March for *Beyond the Spider-Verse* to find out. This premise, though, is a neat way to play with the multiverse angle (which, in comics as well as film, has seemed to attach itself to Spider-Man for some reason). Instead of the 'verse we're watching not seeming to mean much, since there're just more 'verses like it out there, Miles' verse has depth of feeling, and we care whether he and his nearly-police-captain dad escape the Curse of Police Dads across the Spider-Verse.

One imagines the third film, when it comes, may turn Miles into a metafictional rebel, denying his fate, or the plot that has been written for him. (As a result, Miles may consort well with this film's best character, Spider-Punk, voiced by Daniel Kaluuya.) That movie will probably have the payoff and pack the climactic punch that's missing from this middle film. *Across* is far from bad, but it's busy as hell, plotwise as well as visually, and it left me a little exhausted. The main villain here is the Spot (Jason Schwartzman), who generates black holes he can pop in and out of. His powers are an animator's fondest dream, and some of the action scenes flow almost at the speed of thought, creating their own twinkly reality where the Rule of Cool reigns supreme. It's terrific fun, but there's about an hour too much of it for me.

At the end, Spider-Gwen marshals a Spider-Army to help her find Miles and restore him to his 'verse. I'm sure Marvel won't mind if you buy all the merchandise and comic books related to all those Spider-Folks, too. I fear I've been around the block too many times with corporate comics to trust these movies to have anything truly revolutionary in mind. The goal of superhero comics, and now superhero movies and shows, is to keep themselves going until people stop buying. (The DC film universe's penultimate product, *The Flash,* currently coughing up blood in theaters while *Across the Spider-Verse* surged back up to #1 in its fourth weekend, shows that DC hasn't pulled the plug on this particular iteration of their heroes a minute too soon.)

These *Spider-Verse* movies have been gorgeous demo reels for the latest in animation techniques. With the benefit of digital tech, they can evoke the panel-by-panel mode of the comics medium more fluidly than Ang Lee's *Hulk* did twenty years ago. Almost alone among modern superhero films, though, Lee's *Hulk* movie (which preceded the workaday Marvel MCU movies and their own version of the Hulk) keeps a warm, fond place in my memory. It was about something other than announcing itself as the big new franchise, and the oddities that made it a miss for most audiences endeared it to me. It was pained, exploratory, an art-house film in the glimmering cloak of a blockbuster; it tried to get at something human and resonant. The *Spider-Verse* movies are less awkward but have less soul. They're so busy spinning around in their own universes they don't really engage with our own.

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Independence Day

On Saturday, **July 1**, the Marion Concert Band will open its 2023 concert season with a program of patriotic music in celebration of Independence Day. The program is as follows:

National Emblem March - E. E. Bagley
Star Spangled Spectacular - G. M. Cohan
American Pageant - T. Knox
Our Glorious Land - J. Olivadoti
Highlights from Victory at Sea - R. Rodgers
The Homefront: Musical Memories from World War II - arr. J. Christensen
Armed Forces Salute - arr. B. Lowden
God Bless the U.S.A. - L. Greenwood
America, the Beautiful - S. Ward
1812 Overture (finale) - P. Tchaikovsky
The Stars and Stripes Forever - J. P. Sousa

The concert, under the direction of Tobias Monte, will be held at Silver Shell Beach and will start at 8:00. The evening will conclude with the town's fireworks display.

The Marion Concert Band's Friday evening concert series will begin on **July 7**, with concerts every Friday evening at 7:00 at the Robert Broomhead Bandstand, Island Wharf off Front Street in Marion. All concerts are free and open to the public. "Like" us on Facebook at "Marion Town Band" for up-to-date

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Elizabeth Tabor Library staff and patrons enjoyed an evening of karaoke, snacks and joy as they celebrated Pride Month on June 22. Photos by Marilou Newell

The Marion Natural History Museum would like to thank Andrew Griffith and his wife Lauren of the Massachusetts Butterfly Club for leading our May 10 walk. The museum's community group members had learned about our local butterflies and identified some of the host plants they rely on. Despite the rain earlier in the day, the sun came out and we saw Pearl Crescents at Washburn and Peck's and Zabulon Skippers at Parlowtown Road in Marion. Andrew has been a great resource for the museum, and we are grateful for his time and knowledge. Upcoming programs at the museum can be viewed at marionmuseum.org. Photo courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

Nancy Prefontaine shared this photo of a baby catbird being fed mealworms.

The fishing in Mattapoisett is good as Mark Trow shows his catch against the backdrop of Ned's Point. Photo courtesy Rory Hammond

These photos and more are available online at www.wanderer.com

announcements and rain cancellation notices.

Marion Art Center Announces New Exhibit

The Marion Art Center announces its newest exhibit, Illuminations, featuring works by Tamalin Baumgarten and Meredith Leich. Show dates are July 1-August 4, with an artists' reception scheduled Saturday, **July 15** from 3:00-5:00 pm. The exhibition explores the harmonies and tensions between the natural and human worlds. While working in different media, both artists use light to reveal a sense of

uncanny mystery in the New England landscape and places beyond. Through Baumgarten's oil paintings evoking memory and domestic life and Leich's photographs and

TriTown Happenings

The Marion Garden Group shared photos of its June 23 tour from Converse Point, the Meditation and Secret gardens and Moon Gate. En Plein Air artist Barbara Edlund Healty captured the beauty on canvas, while MGG member Sylvia Strand directed guests and members Nancy Kiehl, Pam Parziale and Suzy Taylor were also on the scene. Vans from Tabor Academy helped transport visitors. Photo courtesy MGG

Rochester's Cadette Girl Scout troop visited Washington last week. Here we are posing in front of and inside the Washington Monument with a copy of The Wanderer! The girls are all entering eighth grade in the fall, and some have been in the troop since starting as Daisies in Kindergarten. We used cookie money saved over the years to fund the trip, and we thank the Rochester community for always supporting our cookie sales. Photo courtesy Sarah Jacques

It was a party for all ages when the Rochester Council on Aging hosted a Community Block Party on June 22. Local 4-H clubs brought animals, while Rochester's Boy Scout and Cub Scout troops provided games that included a soft-ax throw and soft archery-challenge games. The adults' tables were set up by the Rochester Historical Society and Plymouth County District Attorney's office with information on activities and services. COA Director Eric Poulin said approximately 400 attendees enjoyed the entertainment provided by members of the center's line-dancing and Zumba classes, as well as old fashioned barbecue sponsored by the Friends of the Rochester COA. Photo courtesy of Beth Perdue/Coastline Elderly Services

The ins-and-outs of a life-size right whale located in the Marion Music Hall were enjoyed by more than 70 children during the Natural History Museum's block party held on June 24 in conjunction with the Elizabeth Taber Library. Photos courtesy Elizabeth Leidhold

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video illuminating the effects of climate change, viewers will discover sensitive depictions of our ever-changing world.

Baumgarten and Leich also serve as Codirectors of the Cuttyhunk Island Artists' Residency on nearby Cuttyhunk Island. Learn more about the artists at marionartcenter.org/on-exhibit. During the reception, we'll also celebrate the musicians of the Buzzards Bay Musicfest, scheduled **July 12-15** (buzzardsbaymusicfest.com.)

Arts in the Park

The Marion Art Center's annual outdoor artisan market, Arts in the Park, returns to Bicentennial Park in Marion on Saturday, **July 8**, 10am-4pm. A rain date is scheduled on Sunday, July 9. The park is across the street from the MAC, which is located at 80 Pleasant Street in Marion, at the corner of Main and Pleasant.

The curated event will feature over forty five artists and artisans from across the region and includes many new vendors this year. Goods include ceramics, clothing, collage, fiber, glass, jewelry, woodworking, painted, and hand-crafted furniture, paintings, photography, and more. Shop for gifts, fine art and handmade goods, grab lunch or ice cream, listen to live music by Richard Lewis and Molly O'Leary, and bring the kids for free games and craft activities on the MAC lawn. Visit the MAC galleries throughout the day to see the new exhibit, Illuminations, featuring artists Tamalin Baumgarten and Meredith Leich. The MAC booth will feature paintings by artist Alyn Carlson. Visitors can enter for a chance to win prizes from the raffle featuring original artwork from each vendor.

For more information, visit marionartcenter.org/events or email the MAC at info@marionartcenter.org.

Saltmarsh Family Hike with MassAudubon and MLT

MassAudubon is hosting a Saltmarsh Family Hike with the Mattapoisett Land Trust on Tuesday **July 11** from 9:00 - 11:00 am. The program will take families on the MLT Brandt Island Cove trail where MassAudubon educators will teach all about animal tracks, saltmarsh critters, and birds seen along the way. Investigate the unique forest and saltmarsh habitat and learn while having fun.

The family program is free but you must register beforehand. Please go on the MLT website or Facebook page for information, or go to www.massaudubon.org/programs to search for the program. Wear sturdy footwear, dress for the weather, and bring binoculars if you have them (MassAudubon will be providing supplies too). See you on the trail.

Reading Frederick Douglass Together

The Marion Art Center partners with the Marion Community Center and Tri Town Against Racism to present a public reading of Frederick Douglass's 1852

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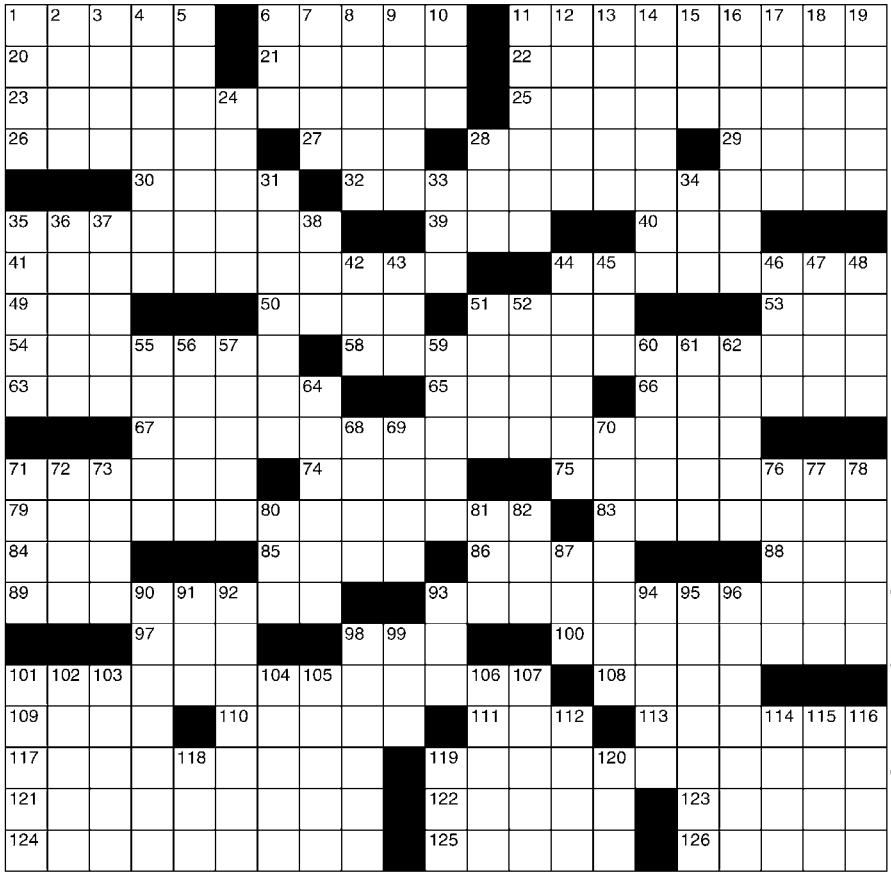
ACROSS
1 Flip out
6 City in Florida
11 Nerve-racking
20 Rock guitarists, slangily
21 After-bath garments
22 What a dipstick is dipped into
23 Rip open eagerly
25 Budapest native
26 Put up with
27 Actor Erwin
28 Chocolate syrup brand
29 Bone-dry
30 Je ne — quoi (elusive quality)
32 Tools facilitating weapon-launching
35 Asset of Hercules and Samson
39 Road coating
40 Young miss
41 Aerobic exercise promotes it
44 Greek region
49 Work unit, in physics
50 Morales of "La Bamba"
51 Infant
53 Drain cleaner
54 Hiker's printed guide
58 Result of a lucid mind
63 Like scalawags
65 Prefix with commuting
66 Making haste
67 Aid in diagnosing an injured meniscus
71 In dreamland
74 Dragon killer, say
75 Some pudding bases
79 "Hamilton" duet sung by Burr and Hamilton to their children
83 Literary alias
84 Big cat's lair
85 Beet or turnip
86 "I don't give —!"
88 Olympic runner Sebastian
89 Ghosts
93 Paul Lynde's role on "Bewitched"
97 What a dipstick is dipped into
98 Faux —
100 Diner patrons choosing dishes
101 Danger of atomic weapons
108 Drink mixer
109 Just slightly
110 Trembled
111 Victory sign
113 "Au —" ("So long for now")
117 Wedding party
119 Tolkien's imaginary world (that hints at this puzzle's theme)
121 Rear-end or sideswipe
122 Hit of the past
123 Prefix with fiche
124 Quality of a dirty chimney
125 Howled wolfishly
126 Does in, as a dragon

DOWN
1 Jetway locale
2 Plow pullers
3 "Diary of — Housewife"
4 Careful reader
5 Race joiner
6 Bruin Bobby
7 Pigeon calls
8 Sits next to
9 Helpful boost
10 Oar wood
11 NPR journalist Daniel
12 Depend on
13 Cattle home
14 Congest with fluid
15 Kin of reggae
16 Prints messily
17 Savoir- —
18 Onetime TWA rival
19 Gives temporarily
24 "— -Ho" ("Snow White" song)
28 Sheep call
31 Church tower
33 Archaic verb ending
34 Alliance of the W. Hemisphere
35 Clip, as wool
36 On — firma
37 Is furious
38 Possesses
42 Fond du —, Wisconsin
43 Up to, in ads
44 Med. exam involving a forearm jab
45 Sneaky laugh
46 Et — (and others, in footnotes)
47 "Fist City" singer Loretta
48 Safecracker, slangily
51 Boxer Max
52 Guthrie of folk
55 "Angel" actress Amy
56 French artist Édouard
57 First Hebrew letter
59 Set of values
60 "Would that it were true!"
61 — the bud (forestall)
62 Single out as especially important
64 Boorish types
68 Make over
69 Race pace
70 Ones outdoing all rivals, informally
71 Appends
72 Flow slowly
73 Race space
76 Secret stash
77 Love, to Celine
78 Foretellers
80 Botch it up
81 Bond creator Fleming
82 Circle portion
87 Nobel-winning U.N. agcy.
90 Most frigid
91 Put a knot in
92 Skin protein
93 Draw upon
94 Venerate
95 Makes good
96 Hard work
98 Players of LPs and 45s
99 Noah's boat
101 DEA agents
102 In — (not yet born)
103 Tree that's a chocolate source
104 Mannheim's river
105 Horn sounds
106 Home to St. Teresa
107 Soft toy bear
112 Emmy winner Falco
114 Bicolor whale
115 Possible response to "Good job!"
116 Greek consonants
118 Greek consonant
119 Rowdy crowd
120 Conducted



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SALOME'S STARS

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You might have to turn your Arian charm up a few degrees if you hope to persuade that persistent pessimist to see the possibilities in your project. Whatever you do, don't give up.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) A "tip" about a co-worker's "betrayal" might well raise the Bovine's rage levels. But before charging into a confrontation, let an unbiased colleague do some fact-checking.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Although a relationship still seems to be moving too slowly to suit your expectations, it's best not to push it. Let it develop at its own pace. You'll soon get news about a workplace change.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) A continually changing personal situation makes you feel as if you're riding an emotional roller coaster. But hold on tight; stability starts to set in early next week.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Believe it or not, someone might dare to say "No!" to the Regal One's suggestion. But instead of being miffed, use this rebuff to recheck the proposition and, perhaps, make some changes.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) You might find it difficult to make a decision about a family matter. But a delay can only lead to more problems. Seek out trusted counsel and then make that important decision.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Concentrate your focus on what needs to be done and avoid frittering away your energies on less important pursuits. There'll be time later for fun and games.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Although the conflicts seem to be letting up, you still need to be wary of being drawn into workplace intrigues. Plan a special weekend event for family and/or friends.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Your quick wit helps you work through an already difficult situation without creating more problems. Creative aspects begin to dominate by the week's end.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Be patient. You'll soon receive news about a project that means a great deal to you. Meanwhile, you might want to reconsider a suggestion that you previously turned down.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) There are still some aspects about a new job offer that you need to resolve. In the meantime, another possibility seems promising. Be sure to check it out as well.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Opening up your emotional floodgates could leave you vulnerable to being hurt later on. Watch what you say in order to avoid having your words come back to haunt you.

BORN THIS WEEK: You're usually the life of the party, which gets you on everyone's invitation list. You also have a flair for politics.

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speech What to the Slave is the Fourth of July? The event will be held on Saturday, **July 1** at 1:00 pm at the Benjamin D. Cushing Community Center located at 465 Mill Street in Marion. A diverse group of readers from the SouthCoast region will present an abridged version of Douglass's famous speech, which will take approximately 50 minutes. Audience members are encouraged to stay for a community discussion following the reading. Dr. Moise St. Louis returns in 2023 to give opening remarks and help lead the discussion. The presentation of this public reading is a statewide initiative coordinated by Mass Humanities, a generous sponsor of these free community events. Additional resources can be found at masshumanities.org. See this and all MAC events at marionartcenter.org/events.

Sippican Historical Society Award for Outstanding Contributions

At their 2023 Annual Meeting, the Sippican Historical Society proudly presented Margie Baldwin as the recipient of the Sippican Historical Society Distinguished Service Award, recognizing her exceptional contributions to Marion. This accolade pays tribute to Ms. Baldwin's tireless efforts in preserving Marion's rich

Tri-town Police Logs

MARION
Log highlights June 18-June 24
- Allen St – B&E/in progress
- Benson Brook Rd - Fraud
- Cove Cir – Waterways complaint
- Indian Cove Rd – EMS/medical
- Cove St – Structure fire
- Register Rd – EMS/medical
- Spring St – Noise complaint
- Mill St – Suspicious activity
- Water St – parking enforcement
- Mill St – General service
- Benson Brook Rd – Follow up
- Front St – MV collision
- Village Dr – Recovered property
- Front St - Lockout
- Wareham Rd – MV collision
- Converse Rd – Health/welfare
- Front St – Message delivery
- Village Dr – Follow up
- Gifford's Corner Rd – Recovered MV
- Piney Point Rd – Noise complaint
- Marion Rd – Officer wanted
- Blueberry Way – Officer wanted
- Beach St – Animal complaint
- Front St – MV collision
- Wareham Rd – EMS/medical
- Taunton Ave – Officer wanted
- Beach St – General service
- Cove St – Health/welfare
- County Rd - Lockout

MATTAPOISETT
Log highlights June 18-June 24
- North St – MV violations
- Baker Ln – Health/welfare
- Fieldstone Dr – Found property
- Aucoot Rd – 911 call
- Fairhaven Rd - Disturbance
- Railroad Ave – Parking violation
- Mechanic St – Property lost
- Angelica Ave – MV violations
- Cannon St – Follow up investigation
- Water St – Property found
- Hamond St - Disturbance
- Angelica Ave – Animal control
- Neds Point Rd – Harbormaster
- Driscoll Ln – 911 call
- County Rd - Vandalism
- Water St – MV violations
- Brandt Island Rd – Missing person
- Homestead Ct – Illegal dumping
- Lebaron Way – Follow up
- Brandt Island Rd - Threats
- Pine Island Rd – Medical assist
- North St - Disturbance
- Church St – Ext – Stolen property
- Prospect Rd – Animal control
- Barlow Ln – Assist other agency
- Marion Rd - Disturbance
- Waterman St - Complaint
- Lebaron Way – Health/welfare
- Reservation Rd – MV violations

ROCHESTER
Log highlights June 18-June 24
- Benson Rd – Inside investigation
- St. George St – MV collision
- Negus Way – MV stop/arrest
- New Bedford Rd – 911 call
- Looks Mill Ln – Animal control
- Neck Rd – 911 call
- High St – MV collision
- My Way – General services
- Burgess Ave - Threats
- Bowens Ln – 911 call
- Shadow Farm Ln – 911 call
- Rounseville Rd – Public assist
- New Bedford Rd – MV stop/citation
- Negus Way – Suspicious activity
- New Bedford Rd – MV collision
- Cranberry Hwy – Road hazard
- Hartley Rd - Medical
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/towed
- Pierce St - Larceny
- Dexter Ln – Suspicious activity
- Snipatuit Rd – Animal control
- Pierce St – 911 call
- Hartley Rd - Fraud
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation
- Walnut Plain Rd – MV stop/arrest
- Marion Rd – Lost animal
- Higginson Ln – 911 call
- Clapp Rd – MV stop/citation
- Cranberry Hwy – MV stop/citation

For a full PDF of the three towns' police logs from the past week, including arrest reports, visit www.Wanderer.com.

LEGAL NOTICES

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 87, Section 3-5, the Mattapoisett Tree Warden will hold a public hearing during a Planning Board scheduled meeting, at the Mattapoisett Town Hall, 16 Main Street, Mattapoisett, Massachusetts at 7:00 pm on Monday, July 17th 2023 on the request for a permit authorizing the cutting and removal of a Maple Tree DBH 20" x 60" x 40' located at the Corner of Church and North Street (Publication posted upon the Tree(s) requested to be removed). 6/22, 6/29

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TOWN OF ROCHESTER
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS #1194
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Zoning Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing on the petition of Robert and Christine Murphy for property located at 19 County Road, identified on Assessor's Map 10, Lot 3A, appealing a Notice of Violation/Cease and Desist order issued by the Town of Rochester Building Commissioner on April 25, 2023 for the operation of a trucking business with stockpiles of construction materials on the property in violation of the Rochester Zoning By-Law.

The public hearing will be held on July 13, 2023 at 7:00 pm at Town Hall, 1 Constitution Way in Rochester, MA.

Copies of the petition are on file at the Building Department, 37 Marion Rd. and can be viewed during normal business hours Monday through Friday.

David Arancio, Chairman 6/22, 6/29

TOWN OF FAIRHAVEN
PLANNING BOARD
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Fairhaven Planning Board will conduct a Public Hearing at 6:30 pm on Tuesday July 18, 2023, at Town Hall, 40 Center Street, Fairhaven, MA. The Planning Board Meeting will be conducted in Town Hall and remotely and will be televised live on Fairhaven TV Channel 18 and fairhaventv.com. To Join the Meeting from home Log on to:
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or call 1-929-205-6099 - Meeting ID: 931 6335 8101 - Passcode: 740257
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The purpose of the hearing will be to receive information and public comment on the following applications: 1) Unnac ST Disc-SD23-02 – On Ice Realty, LLC. The owners, are seeking to expand the parking lot and remove the paper road, Alfred Street. The property is located at Map 26, Lot 78. 2) Special Permit SP23-03 – Robert Leidhold, the owner is seeking to convert the building at the rear of the property into an Accessory Dwelling Unit. The property is located at Map 10, Lot 166. 3) Special Permit SP23-04 – Allen Days Jr., the owner of 42 Bellevue Street is seeking a special permit to convert the pool house at the rear of the property into an Accessory Dwelling Unit. The property is located at Map 24, Lots 234-237 & 41.

Copies of the applications are on file for public review at the Planning Board Office, Town Hall, by appointment and on the Town website. To schedule an appointment to review the application call the Planning Department at (508) 979-4023, Ext. 8122 or go to:
https://www.fairhaven-ma.gov/planning-board/pages/current-permits-being-reviewed-special-permits-definitive-subdivisions

Cathy Melanson, Chair, 6/29, 7/6

TOWN OF MATTAPOISETT
CONSERVATION COMMISSION
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the main conference room in the Mattapoisett Town Hall on a Notice of Intent submitted by the Crescent Beach Improvement Association. The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission for the Zoom information.

The Applicant proposes to perform Beach Maintenance consisting of cleaning the beach of seaweed and debris and to provide Beach Nourishment on an "as needed" basis.

The work will be performed on the Coastal Beach and within Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zones VE (E1. 18 and E1. 21).

The property is known as Crescent Avenue & Prospect Park and is further identified as Lot #999 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #5A. Access would occur from Bay Street and Beach Street. 6/29

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The Mattapoisett Conservation Commission will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, July 10, 2023 at 6:30 pm in the main conference room at the Mattapoisett Town Hall at 16 Main Street regarding a Request for an Amended Order of Conditions for DEP File No. SE 44-1114 submitted by Clint J. Paddock & Ann Rich.

The meeting will also be a hybrid meeting. Please contact the Conservation Commission office for the zoom information.

The Applicants request that the Conservation Commission approve a Revised Site Plan that depicts changes to the house and driveway footprints.

The proposed work will be performed within the 100 ft. Buffer Zone of a Bordering Vegetated Wetland and Land Subject to Coastal Storm Flowage, Flood Zone VE (El. 17) and partially within the 200 ft. Riverfront Area of Pine Island Creek.

The project is located at Pine Street and is further identified as Lot #50 on Mattapoisett Assessors Map #6. 6/29

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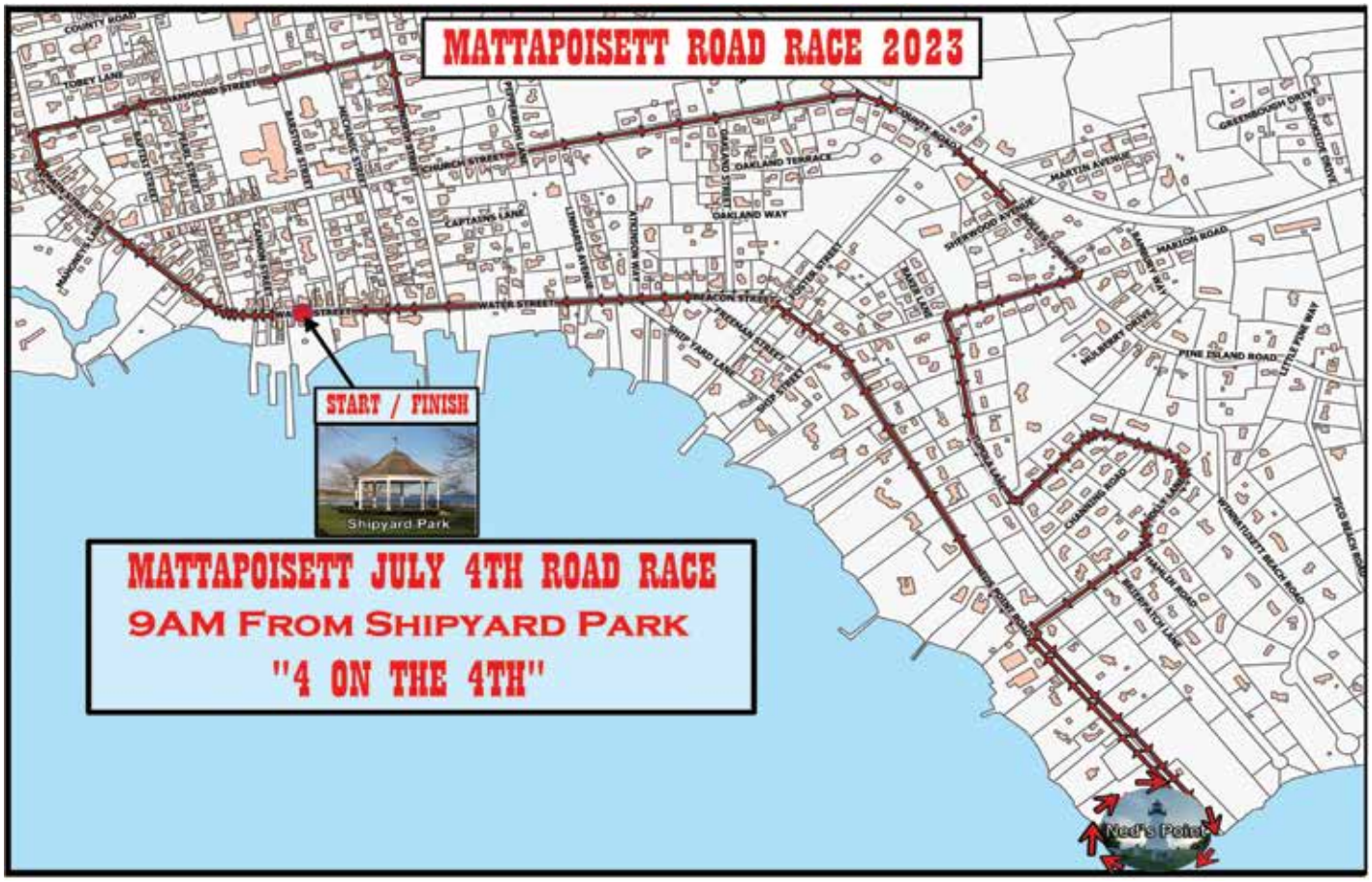
history and fostering community engagement. In her honor, a variegated dogwood was planted at Bicentennial Park.

Ms. Baldwin's journey in Marion began when she relocated from New York City in 1974 to her first home at 9 Main Street. Since then, she lived in three historic homes in Marion. Margie contributes to the development and growth of the town, serving as an integral part of various organizations and initiatives.

Early on, Margie took the League of Women Voters' "Know Your Town" tour, leading to a long participation with the League. Her commitment to public service led her to serve as President of the League for several years. She served as President of the Sippican Tennis Club, a Council Member of the Beverly Yacht Club, a Trustee of Tobey Hospital and earned her EMT to participate in the Volunteer Ambulance Committee.

Ms. Baldwin held key positions in various Town committees and boards. For the past 25 years, she has chaired the Tree Committee, playing a pivotal role in preserving and enhancing Marion's natural beauty through the planting of hundreds of trees, including many in the Town's cemeteries and several at the Council on Aging. She served three terms on the Finance Committee, participated in the Community Preservation Committee, and is currently a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, Marion Historic



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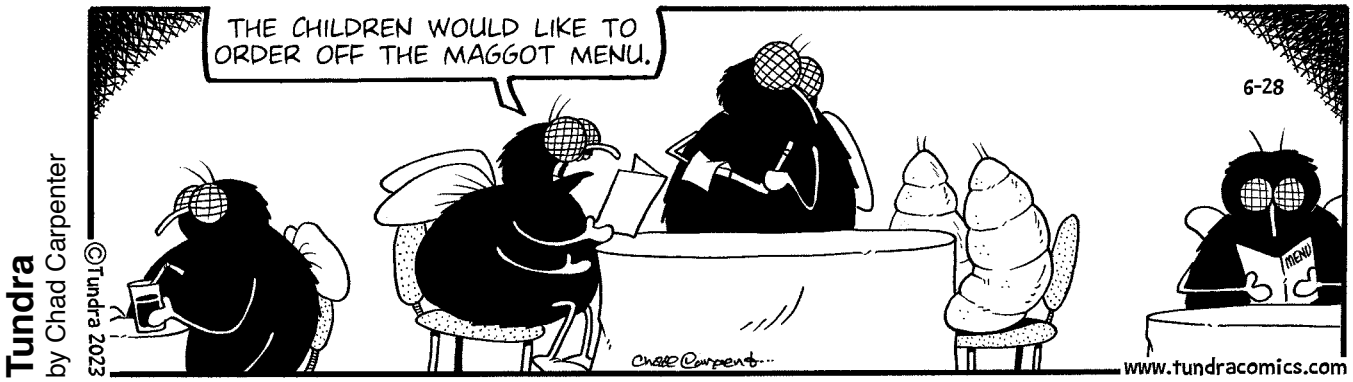
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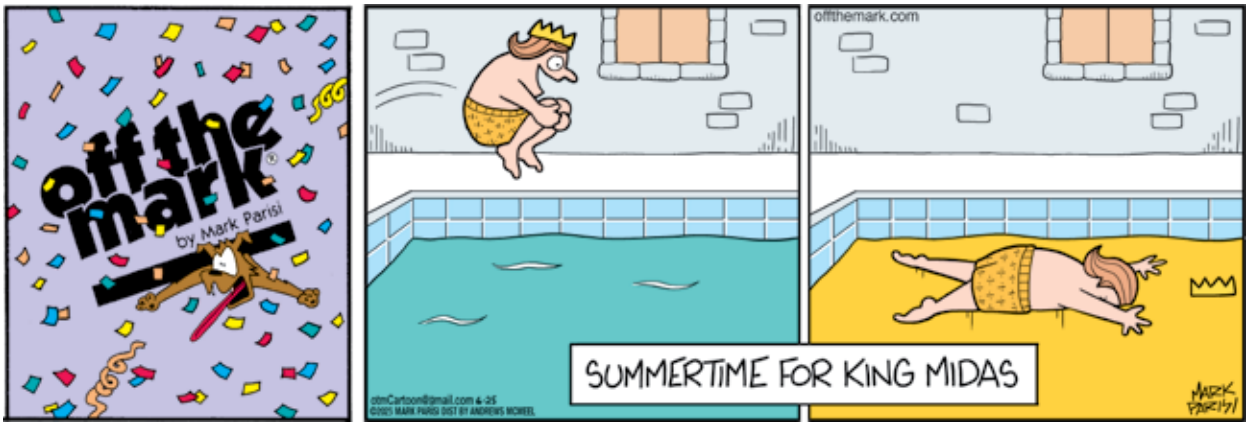
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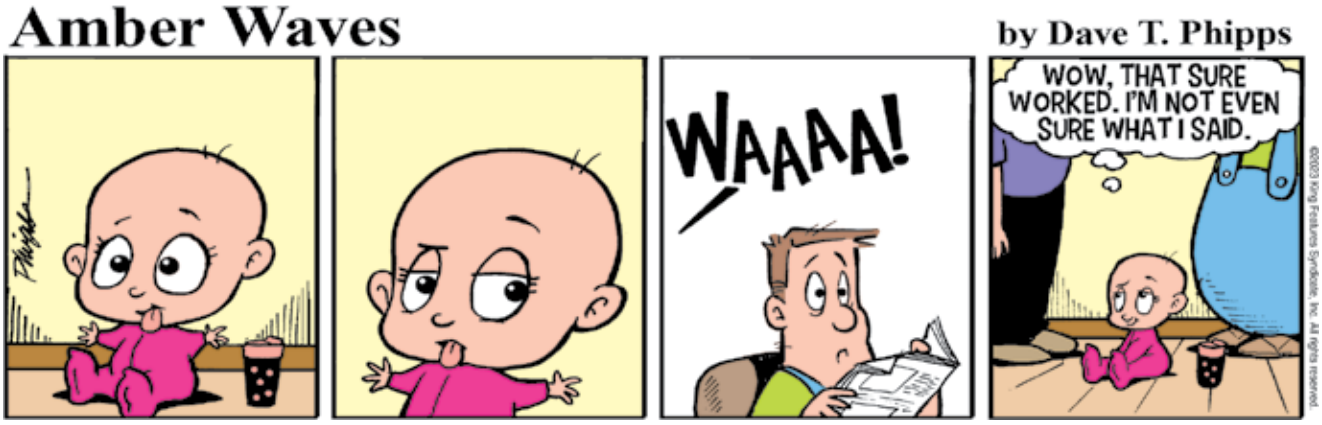
Amber Waves
by Dave T. Phipps
WAAAA!
WOW, THAT SURE WORKED. I'M NOT EVEN SURE WHAT I SAID.

District Study Committee, and Cemetery Committee. Margie volunteered with the VASE program at Sippican School. Most recently, Margie helped to redesign the new Memorial Children's Garden at Sippican School when a large and old spruce had to be taken down.

Since its inception in 1993, Ms. Baldwin has made significant contributions to the Marion Institute. She focuses on promoting healthcare initiatives and supporting organic farming, even running her own organic store, "How on Earth," for a decade.

When asked about her motivations for community service, Margie Baldwin expressed a desire to set an example for younger generations and her unwavering commitment to lifelong learning. Her selfless dedication has not only preserved Marion's history but has also helped shape a vibrant and inclusive community for all.

The Sippican Historical Society Award recognizes Margie Baldwin's exceptional contributions, passion, and unwavering dedication to Marion, Massachusetts. Her commitment to historical preservation, community engagement, and education has left an indelible mark on the town and its residents.

Mattapoisett Library Upcoming Programs

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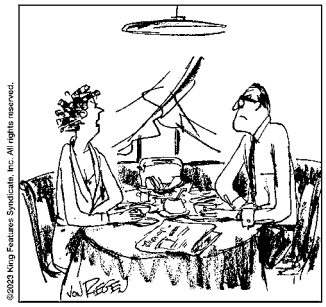

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Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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From the Files of the Rochester Historical Society

By Connie Eshbach

While the political divisions in our country in the 2020's seem epic and "unprecedented" (maybe that should be the word of the year), a look at history tells us that this is nothing new. Leading up to the Revolutionary War, Rochester, like many New England towns were split between those who supported the King of England and those who called for independence. There were two

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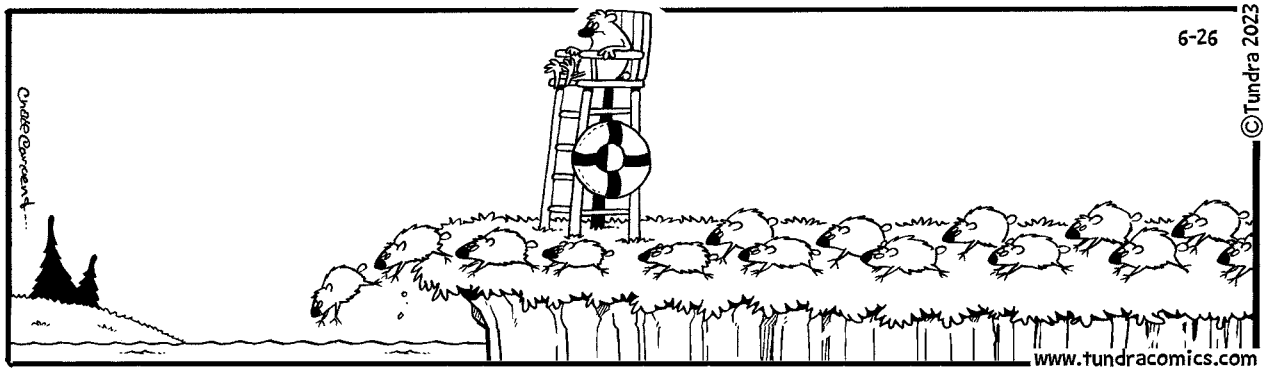

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taverns in Rochester, just a stone's throw from each other, but miles apart because of the different views of their patrons. Pictured here is one of the taverns where the idea of revolution was debated and supported.

With the creation of our new memorial, I have written about our town's participation in the War for Independence, but that time period is full of stories. In fact, our town was involved in one of the first acts of "overt treason" leading up to the war. The event was referred to as the "Body of the People" incident.

In September of 1774, a large group of Bristol and Plymouth County men assembled in Rochester. The group which added Wareham men to their number, as they passed through that town, began a peaceful march toward their ultimate destination, the Barnstable County Courthouse. The stated purpose of the march was to protest a new act from the British government to take away "the right of local selectmen to draw names of jurors" who would participate in trials.

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Julia Duffy	June 29
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Kelly O'Hagan	June 30
Nicole Pruchnik	June 30
Nicolette Studley	June 30
Robert Holmes	June 30
Francis Emmett	July 1
Ian O'Neil	July 1
Ruby Pasquill	July 1
Brady Shwartz	July 2
Buddy Vance	July 2
Eileen Murphy Doyle	July 2
Gloria Bousquet	July 2
Hannah Lambeth	July 2
Harrison Thomas Moncino	July 2
Jordan Sattelmair	July 2
Judy Martin	July 2
Sascha Polonsky	July 2
Andrew Coucci	July 3
Charlie Barry	July 3
Dr. Timothy Gendron	July 3
Jason Mota	July 3
Jeff Dickerson	July 3
Kimberly Senna	July 3
Ross P. Upton	July 3
Julie Conceicao	July 4
Kerry Muldoon	July 4
Khaia Sandel	July 4
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Denise Boisvert	July 5
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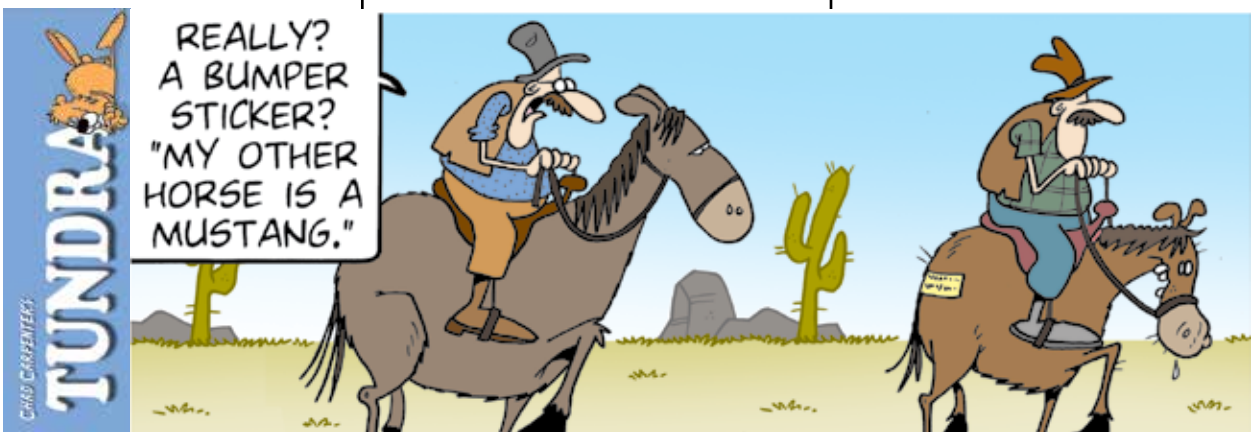
Will Taylor	July 5



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would put them under the control of the English King. Abraham Holmes of Rochester who was one of the march's participants wrote in his memoirs, "the first overt act done in the face of day, without disguise, in the controversy with Great Britain that according to British Jurisprudence would be called treason." The men taking part in this march, unlike the tea party participants, wore no disguises and took the risk of being arrested, imprisoned and possibly hanged.

When the marchers arrived at the Barnstable Court, their protest succeeded. The Chief Justice of the court, Colonel James Otis agreed not to call the court to order, thus halting the work of the King's court. No doubt protected by their numbers, there is no record of anyone suffering punishment, but this is just one of many acts and proclamations that led to the war and the independence that we will be celebrating on this coming Tuesday.

Principal of the Year

The Coalition of Oregon School Administrators (COSA) and the Oregon Elementary School Principals Association is excited to announce Mattapoisett native Andrea Porter-Lopez, Principal of Woodlawn Elementary School in the Portland Public School District, as the 2023 Oregon Elementary Principal of the Year. Porter-Lopez was presented with the award on April 28 at a school-wide assembly to the cheers of students and staff.

Porter-Lopez began her career as an elementary school teacher and became a Special Education Administrator before becoming an Elementary Principal. Her unwavering commitment to this position has led to an accomplished 13 years of exceptional leadership. Leading at Woodlawn for the past nine years, Porter-Lopez directed the school out of corrective action and has focused on instruction, student achievement and a commitment to racial equity. Portland Public Schools' Area Senior Director Karl Logan calls Andrea Porter-Lopez, a "transformational leader" who, together with students, staff and community "celebrate and center Black excellence in the fabric of Woodlawn's culture."

Rochester Historical Society Yard Sale

Yes, it's that time of year to start looking through your cellars, attics, garages and sheds for clean, usable items to donate to the Historical Society annual yard sale. This year the sale will be **August 5 & 6**. Dates for drop offs at the museum at 355 County Rd. will be out soon.

Buzzards Bay Swim

Overcast skies and the occasional shower did not deter the 225 swimmers who participated in this year's Buzzards Bay Swim, held in New Bedford's Outer Harbor on Saturday, June 24.

Athletes completed the scenic 1.2-mile point-to-point open water course, beginning in New Bedford's South End, swimming past the iconic Butler Flats Lighthouse and New Bedford Hurricane Barrier and

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE
by Stephan Pastis

finishing at Fort Phoenix in Fairhaven. At Fort Phoenix, swimmers were greeted by cheering crowds, live music, a hot breakfast and cold beer.

The 225 swimmers, supported by more than 100 volunteers, raised more than $172,000 to advance the mission of the Buzzards Bay Coalition. Now in its 30th year, the Buzzards Bay Swim provides vital resources for the Coalition's work to ensure clean water in all Bay communities, restore and protect watershed lands and get people of all ages outside and engaged with their local environment.

Participants ranged from first-time swimmers to those who competed in the first-ever event 30 years ago.

Michelle Marder from Lynnfield was one of the event's first-time swimmers, "I've never done this race before, but I was really excited to raise money for the Buzzards Bay Coalition to help keep the water clean."

Originally from New Bedford and now a Berkley resident, Matt Tweedie was one of the original 17 swimmers who jumped in the Outer Harbor 30 years ago and was back again this year. "A lot has changed since that first Buzzards Bay Swim. Thankfully many places in our Bay have improved, but there is still much to do and new challenges to face . . . I decided to swim again this year because I figured it was a fun time to do it again and support the Bay."

Heather Cyr of New Bedford participated in the Swim for her fourth time, "I swim because clean water and a healthy coast, it doesn't get better than that. We have to take care of our home."

The top fundraisers were Steve Johnson of Westport, who raised a new record of $13,200, followed by Nancy Smith of Dartmouth who raised $5,450, and Jessica Whittaker of Rochester, who raised $4,400. Whittaker is also a member of the top fundraising team, For Emma, which counted 34 members and raised more than $20,000.

The fastest swimmers were Jack Bauer of Cambridge, with a time of 24 minutes and 36 seconds, and Carlyn Soares of Beverly, with a time of 24 minutes and 48 seconds. The fastest adult team, winning the Wheeler Watershed Challenge Cup, were the Salty Sea Dogs. The fastest youth team, winning the Quicks Award, was For Emma.

The Buzzards Bay Swim is one of two signature outdoor fundraising events hosted by the Coalition. The other is the Buzzards Bay Watershed Ride, a 100, 75, or 35 mile bike ride that traverses the Buzzards Bay watershed from Little Compton to Woods Hole. The 2023 Watershed Ride is scheduled for Sunday, **October 1**. For more information, contact the Coalition at events@savebuzzardsbay.org or (508) 999-6363.

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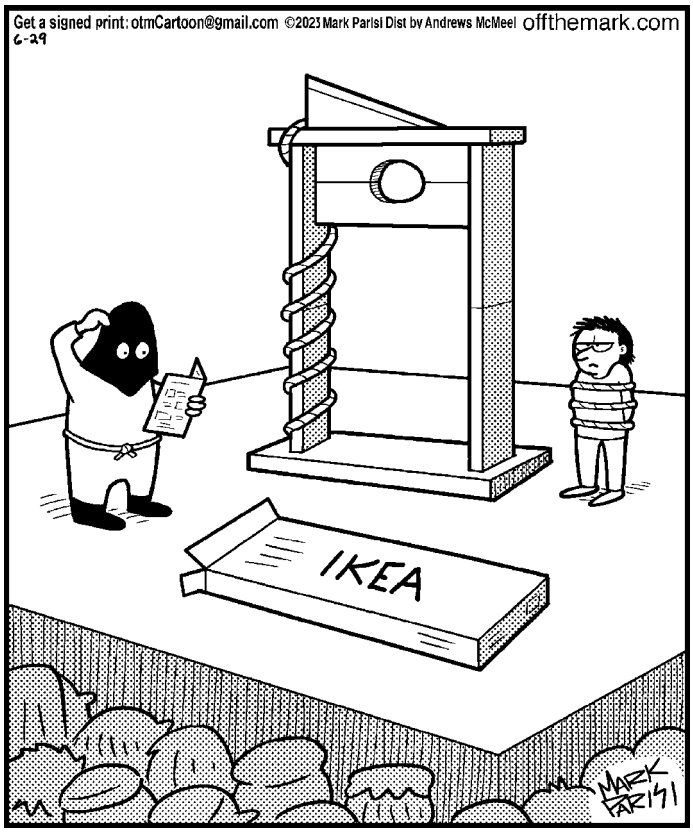
by Mark Parisi



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Thursday	June 29	4:40	5:16	10:29	11:47
Friday	June 30	5:43	6:13	11:20	
Saturday	July 1	6:41	7:07	12:36	12:10
Sunday	July 2	7:34	7:59	1:26	1:01
Monday	July 3	8:26	8:51	2:18	1:55
Tuesday	July 4	9:18	9:43	3:12	2:51
Wednesday	July 5	10:11	10:36	4:02	3:48
Thursday	July 6	11:05	11:30	4:49	4:44
Friday	July 7		12:01	5:34	5:41
Saturday	July 8	12:25	12:58	6:20	6:50
Sunday	July 9	1:20	1:55	7:10	8:29
Monday	July 10	2:15	2:51	8:05	9:57
Tuesday	July 11	3:11	3:49	9:01	11:03
Wednesday	July 12	4:11	4:51	9:54	11:56
Thursday	July 13	5:14	5:51	10:43	
Friday	July 14	6:14	6:45	12:42	12:01
Saturday	July 15	7:06	7:33	1:21	12:14
Sunday	July 16	7:52	8:17	1:57	12:59

Phases of the Moon		
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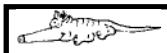
	Last Quarter	July 9th
	New Moon	July 17th
	First Quarter	July 25th



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Today's Word

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Sudoku Answer

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6	9	3	1	7	8	5	2	4
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at PLUMB CORNER

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NOW Open Daily: 7am–9pm!

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SALE EFFECTIVE: Friday, June 30 — Thursday, July 6, 2023

BLOCKBUSTER SAVINGS!

Friends' Premium Certified Black Angus Boneless
New York Sirloin Steak
$8.99 lb

Store Baked
Roast Turkey
$9.99 lb.

750 ml Spain Garnacha
Frontonio Microcosmico
$15.99
Reg Price: $16.99

Heinz
20 oz. Squeeze
Tomato Ketchup
2/$6

Land O Lakes
16 oz. Selected
Butter
$4.99

Hood
48 oz. Selected
Ice Cream
$4.49

Quality Produce

Pint, New Jersey **Blueberries**	$3.99
California **Peaches or Nectarines**	$2.99 lb
Sweet & Juicy **Cantaloupes**	2/$7
Cluster **Vine Tomatoes**	$1.99 lb
Make Some Guac! **Hass Avocados**	2/$3
2 lb. Bag, Organic **Vidalia Onions**	$3.99

SEE OTHER SIDE FOR ADDITIONAL GREAT SAVINGS THIS WEEK!